BLAZIN' BARRELS

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Taking a break from his relentless pursuit of the criminal outfit Gold Romany, Sting battles the Lovely Scorpions, three beautiful women with one thing on their mind.... Meanwhile, we learn some pretty interesting things about Sting's notorious dad. This is one [illegible]

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CHARACTERS:

STING

Friendly, harmless, naive-looking, and possibly narcoleptic, Sting is also an excellent fighter. Broke and new in town, Sting is trying to earn money as a bounty hunter-someone who hunts down criminals for reward money.

Bounty Hunters:

LEANNE McDUFF

Also known as "Fast Sword" McDuff, this cunning but sometimes ditzy bounty hunter met Sting when he literally ran into her with his small vehicle.

CHUCK BLACK

A well known bounty hunter. Sting tried to team up with him, but Chuck wouldn't allow it.

Gold Romany:

An all girl gang of masked robbers with high-priced bounties on their heads Unaware of the girls' criminal identities, Sting stupidly told them all that he was planning to hunt the Gold Romany.

CREMBEL

The brains of the team

ROMY D. CORN

The youngest member of Gold Romany When Romy was mugged, Sting came to her rescue ..and invited himself to dinner as his reward. Romy was shot in the shoulder by Chuck Black during a recent robbery

Gold Romany:

AMITA

A sharpshooter who can keep her cool under fire

TAMMY VALENTINE

An excellent shot and an extremely fierce opponent

Story Thus Far...

In a futuristic wild West, the peacekeepers need all the help they can get rounding up law breakers. Bounty hunters—people who hunt down criminals for reward money—can make a decent living...though it's a life full of hardships and risk.

When famous bounty hunter Chuck Black hunted the criminal known as Dark Scorpion, Black was forced to take cover while Scorpion's gang pinned him down with a hail of gunfire. It was at this point that Sting—asleep at the wheel of his barely moving vehicle—putt-putted his way in-between the combatants.

Eager to seize an opportunity, Dark Scorpion quickly took Sting hostage. Scorpion's demands were simple: Chuck Black had to surrender or Sting would suffer the consequences. With Black's help, Sting freed himself and—with a stunning display of athletic agility—soundly trounced Dark Scorpion.

Despite Sting's participation in Dark Scorpion's capture, Chuck Black would not share the reward money or even consider teaming up with the younger man on future hunts. Broke and famished, Sting spotted a wanted poster for Gold Romany. The reward for capturing the all-girl group of bandits is massive...mostly because the odds of a bounty hunter being able to do the job are miniscule.

While plotting his hunt, Sting overheard cries for help. Romy D. Corn's groceries had been stolen out of her arms, but Sting squelched the robbery without breaking a sweat. Insisting that he was happy to carry her groceries back to her home, Sting also insisted that he was happy to stay for dinner (though no invitation had actually been made).

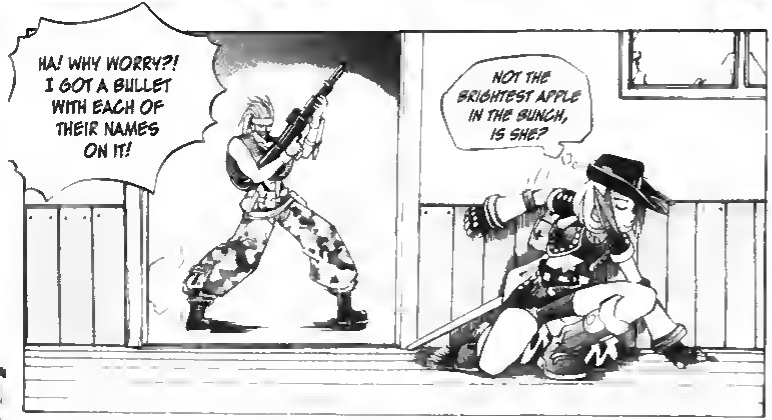
During the meal, Sting revealed to Romy and her three female roommates (Crembel, Amita, and Tammy) that he was planning to hunt Gold Romany. Shock quickly turned to guffaws as Tammy considered Sting's chances against the outlaw gang. It may have seemed rude, but considering that Tammy and her "sisters" ARE the outlaw gang, it certainly was not an uninformed opinion.

When Federal Marshal Maria Lopez arrived in town with a shipment of gold, Sting and Chuck Black expected Gold Romany to try to hijack it. The outlaws attacked the convoy, but thanks to Sting, the gang came away with only half of the gold and, thanks to Chuck Black, Romy came away with a serious gunshot wound to the shoulder.

Assuming that the wounded member of the gang would need immediate medical attention, Sting made his way to the nearby town of Vermaior. While crossing a wide desert-like expanse, he literally ran across Leanne McDuff, who was so tired from thirst that she was lying on the ground.

Giving McDuff a ride to Vermaior, Sting tagged along with her to a weapons store. Once there, Sting and Leanne found that the store was being robbed by an all-girl gang claiming to be Gold Romany...though they looked nothing like the women Sting fought earlier!

LET'S HURRY UP, LADIES! THIS TOWN'S CITY RANGERS MIGHT BE USELESS, BUT THEY RUSH US AN' THINGS'LL GET MESSY!


HA! WHY WORRY?! I GOT A BULLET WITH EACH OF THEIR NAMES ON IT!
NOT THE BRIGHTEST APPLE IN THE BUNCH, IS SHE?

SO, WE HAVE NUMBER ONE...
...TWO...
...AND THREE.

GUESS I'LL SAVE MISS POINTY-HAIR FOR LAST. BUT IF I CAN TAKE OUT THE INDIAN CHICK BY THE WINDOW, THEN THEIR LEADER SHOULD MAKE FOR AN EASY BOUNTY.

IF YOU DIE... DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST ME, OKAY?
To think of all the cool things I could get outta him...

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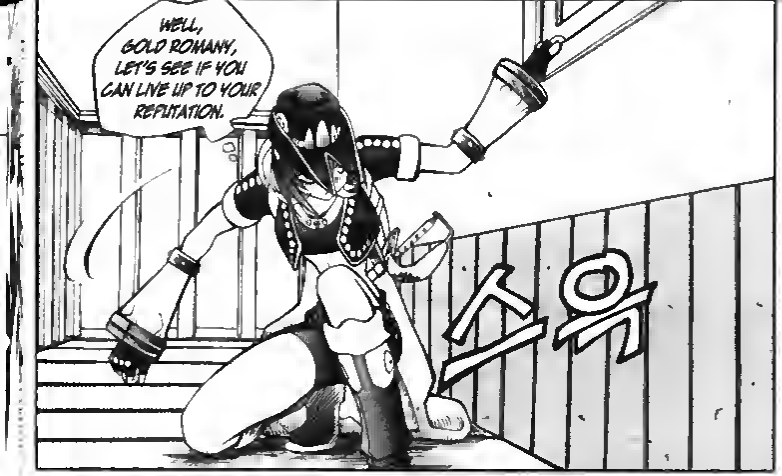
WELL, GOLD ROMANY, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION.
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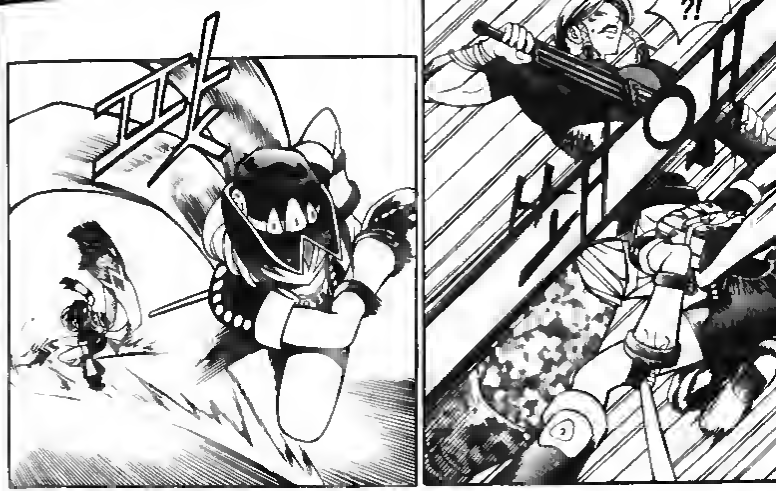
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YAARGH!

PERFECT! NOW FOR THEIR LEADER!

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BLAM!
GUHH!
THINK YOU'RE SNEAKY, HUH?! WELL, THE NEXT ONE'S GOIN' RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES!
CRAP!
SAY YER PRAYERS, HUNTER GIRL!!

EH?
D-D-D-D-D-DE
AGH!
DIE! DIE!!
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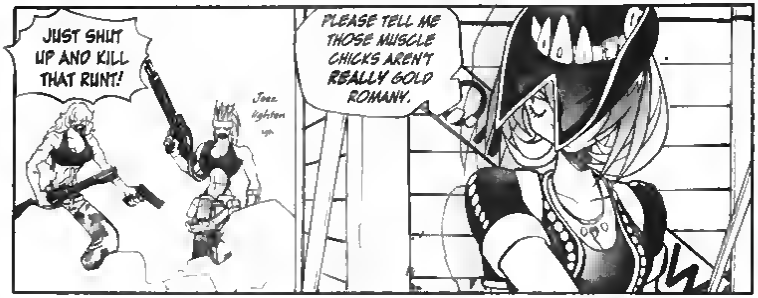
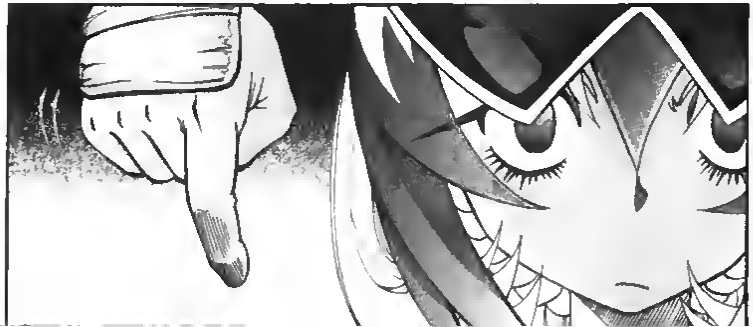
WERE YOU INTENTIONALLY TRYING TO AIM AT ME?!
EH HEH. SORRY. GUESS MY FINGER SLIPPED.


JUST SHUT UP AND KILL THAT RUNT!
Jeez. Lighten up.
PLEASE TELL ME THOSE MUSCLE CHICKS AREN'T REALLY GOLD ROMANY.



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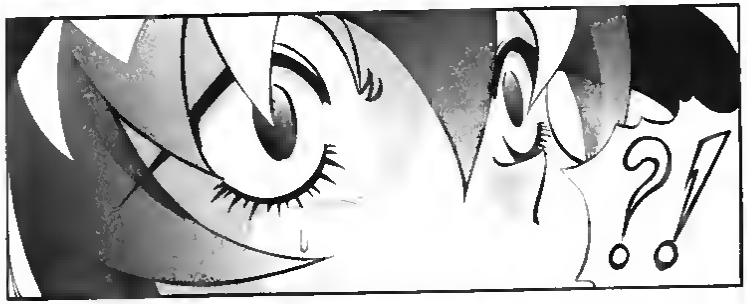
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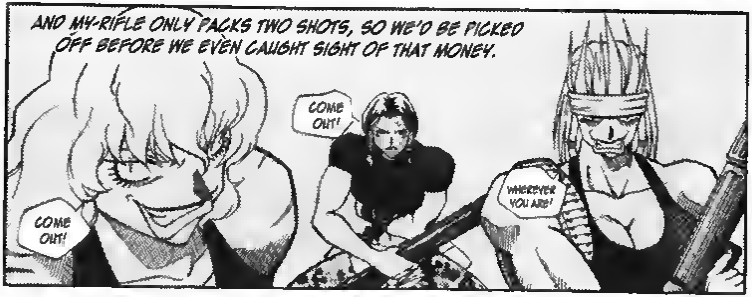
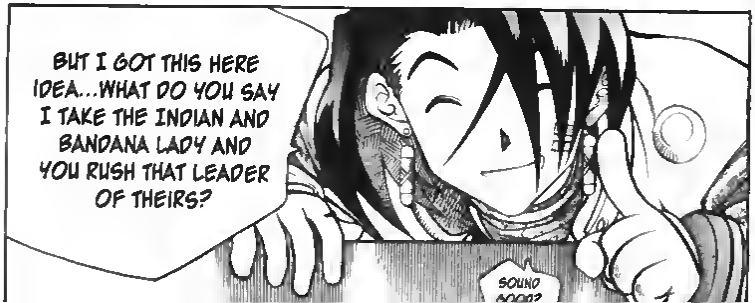
YOU?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
Gee, I love my arm back!

THOSE LADIES LOOK PRETTY SCARY. DON'T TELL 'EM I'M HERE, 'KAY?
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A HUNTER?

YOU SURE YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY OUT THERE? THOSE LADIES LOOK PRETTY HEAVILY ARMED.

TAKING ON ALL THREE OF THEM BY YOURSELF IS KINDA PUSHIN' IT WITH ONLY A RAPIER AND ALL.
I KNOW THAT.


AND MY RIFLE ONLY PACKS TWO SHOTS, SO WE'D BE PICKED OFF BEFORE WE EVEN CAUGHT SIGHT OF THAT MONEY.
COME OUT!
COME OUT!
WHEREVER YOU ARE!


BUT I GOT THIS HERE IDEA...WHAT DO YOU SAY I TAKE THE INDIAN AND BANDANA LADY AND YOU RUSH THAT LEADER OF THEIRS?
SOUND GOOD?

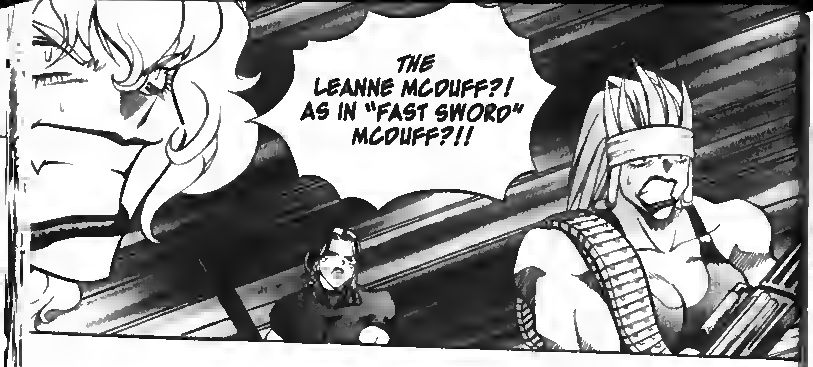
I DUNNO... YOU LOOK PRETTY CRAFTY TO ME. HARD TO TRUST A GUY LIKE YOU.
HOW COULD YOU BE SO... BLUNT?

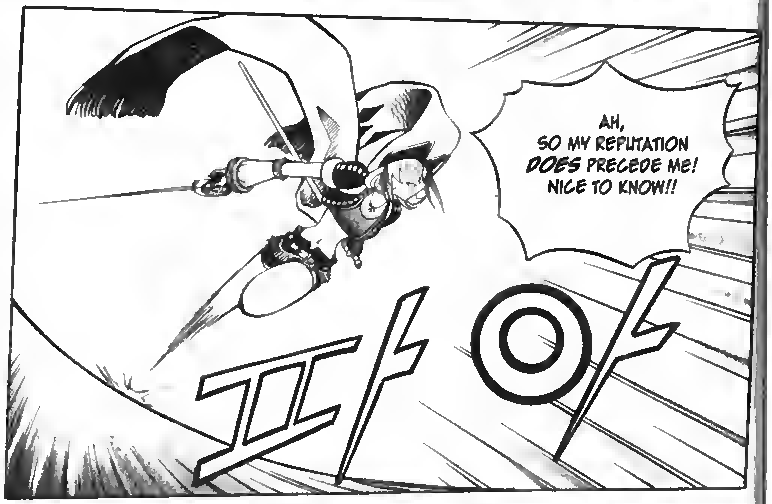
OOOH, GOODY! 'BOUT TIME WE GOT SOME MORE TARGET PRACTICE!!

...

COOL!
ALL RIGHT, I'M IN.

BUT WE'RE SPLITTING THE MONEY SEVENTY-THIRTY.
WHA--? WHY NOT FIFTY-FIFTY?
HEY!
?!
AHH, LOOKIT DAT. LITTLE HUNTER GIRL WANTS TO PLAY AGAIN.
HA! WE AIN'T SCARED OF SOME TWIG WITH A STICK.
AT LEAST I ONLY HAVE TO SHAVE MY LEGS-- AND NOT MY FACE, YA SASQUATCH.
Heh heh
BY THE WAY, THE NAME'S LEANNE MCCUFF DON'T FORGET IT.


THE LEANNE MCDUFF?! AS IN "FAST SWORD" MCDUFF?!!


AH, SO MY REPUTATION DOES PRECEDE ME! NICE TO KNOW!!

WHATEVER! JUST SHOOT!
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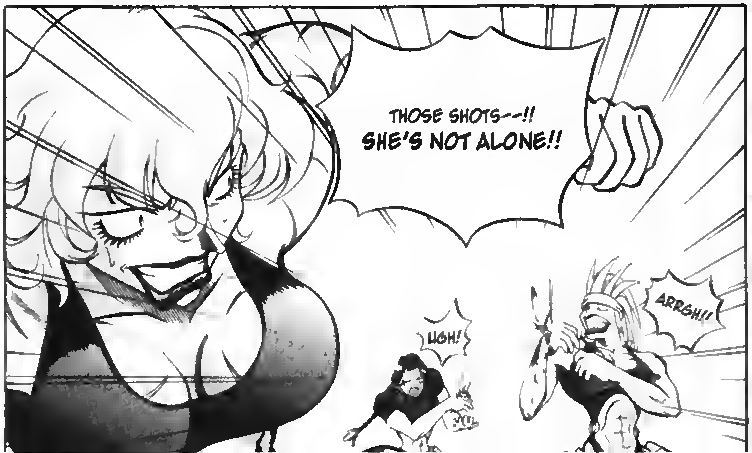
BLAM! BLAM!

OAHH!


THOSE SHOTS--!! SHE'S NOT ALONE!!
UGH!
ARRGH!!

NO ONE HURTS MY SISTERS! NO ONE!!
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DAADA-DA-DA-DA
HUNH? WHERE'D SHE GO?!
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Poke
I WOULDN'T MOVE IF I WERE YOU.
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I, FOR ONE, AM SURPRISED.
DIDN'T EXPECT YOU ROMANY'D BE ALL MUSCLE AND NO BRAINS.

DAMN.
GUESS YOU CAN'T TRUST THOSE WANTED POSTERS, NOW CAN YOU?

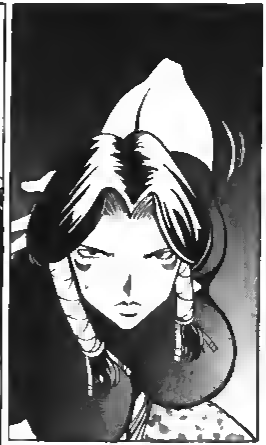
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

STEP BACK FROM THE WEAPONS...
THAT'S BUNK!

THE LEGENDARY "FAST SHORO" MCDUFF'S A LITTLE GIRL?! I AIN'T BELIEVIN' THIS!!

HEY, YOU'RE LIVING PROOF OF HOW MUCH LEGENDS GET INFLATED.
ACK!

I'D SIT TIGHT 'TIL THE CITY RANGERS SHOW.



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UH, MA'AM? IF YOU THROW THAT, YOU'RE ONLY GONNA MAKE THAT INJURY OF YOURS HURT WORSE.
UNNH!!
QUIT SQUIRMIN'
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WHOA!
HYAP!
WHO THE--?!
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WHA?!
Shhk
WHOO! TWO FOR TWO!!
NOT SO TIGHT! THESE ARE NEW!!
SO HE'S THE ONE WHO FIRED THOSE SHOTS.
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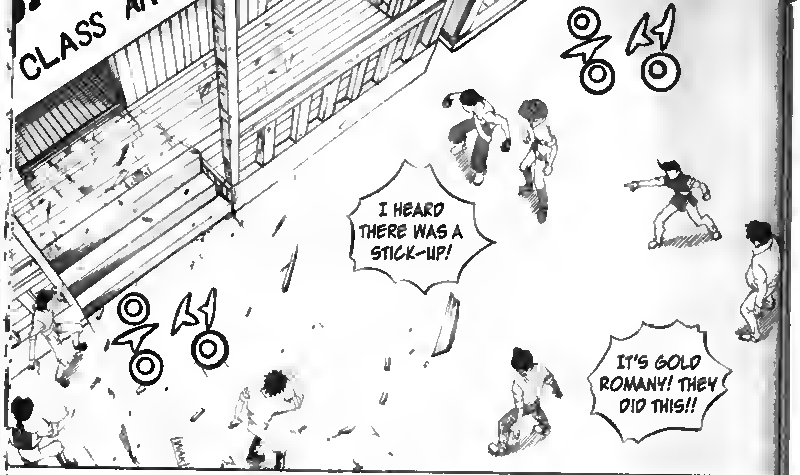
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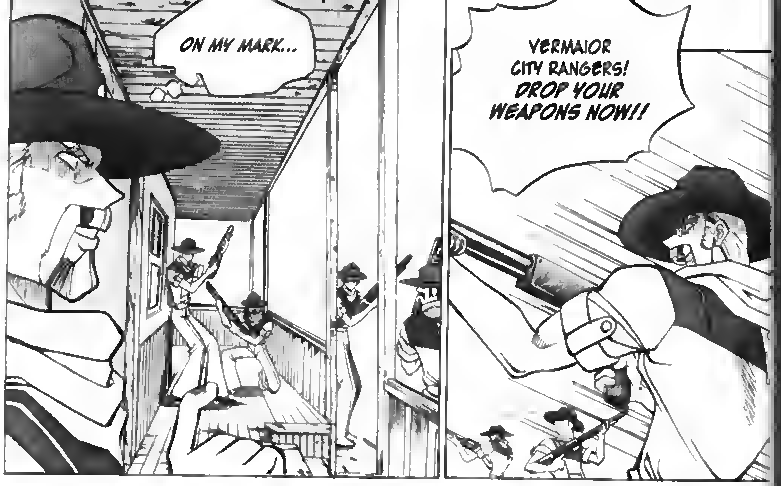
I HEARD THERE WAS A STICK-UP!
IT'S GOLD ROMANY! THEY DID THIS!!


ON MY MARK...
VERMAIOR CITY RANGERS! DROP YOUR WEAPONS NOW!!

BACK AWAY FROM THE BUILDING!
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LET'S MOVE IT, PEOPLE!!
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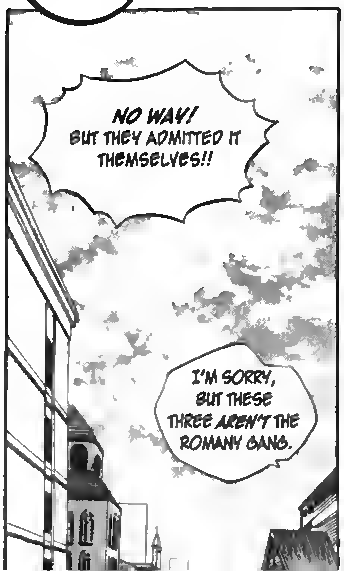
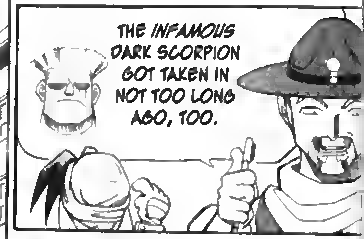
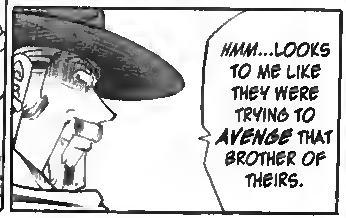
WE...WE SURRENDER!

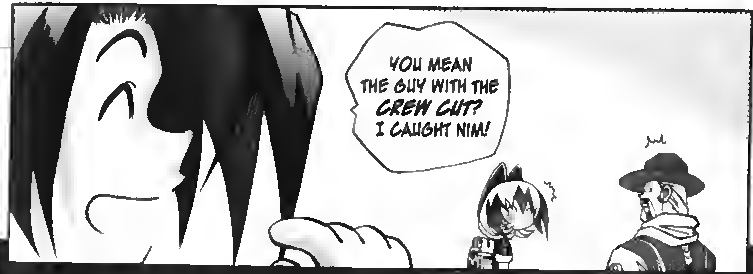

NO WAY!
BUT THEY ADMITTED IT THEMSELVES!!
I'M SORRY, BUT THESE THREE AREN'T THE ROMANY GANG.

LIKE I SAID, THEY'RE THE "LOVELY SCORPIONS." NOW, YOU WANT THAT BOUNTY OR NOT?
PLEASE, CAN'T YOU JUST CHECK IT ONCE MORE?!
We Ain't Them.

LEAST WE ROUNDED UP THEIR WHOLE FAMILY NOW.


THE INFAMOUS DARK SCORPION GOT TAKEN IN NOT TOO LONG AGO, TOO.


HMM...LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY WERE TRYING TO AVENGE THAT BROTHER OF THEIRS.


YOU MEAN THE GUY WITH THE CREW CUT? I CAUGHT HIM!

EVEN HANDED 'IM OVER TO THE SHERIFF BACK IN TAROS CITY! MAN, WHAT A COINKYOINK, HUH?
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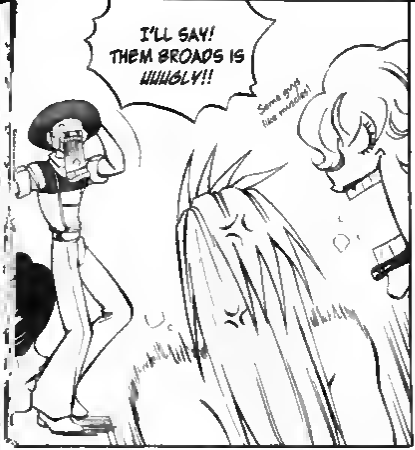

I'LL SAY! THEM BROADS IS UUUUGLY!!
Sorta sy'd like muddas!

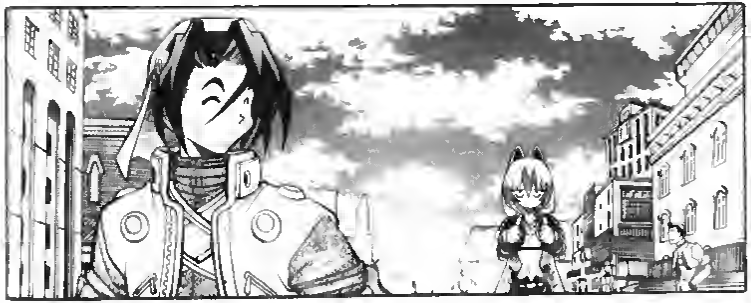
HERE, JUST BRING IN THIS CERTIFICATE ANYTIME. WE'LL EXCHANGE IT FOR CASH.

WELL, TAKE CARE NOW, MISS MCDUFF. MISTER STING.

AND THANKS AGAIN. YOU DID REAL GOOD TODAY.

NOW THAT'S A RIGHT INTERESTING PAIR, THEM TWO.

WHELP, BETTER FIND SOME LODGING 'FORE I PICK UP MY ROMANY SEARCH



WHAT'S SHE STARING AT?

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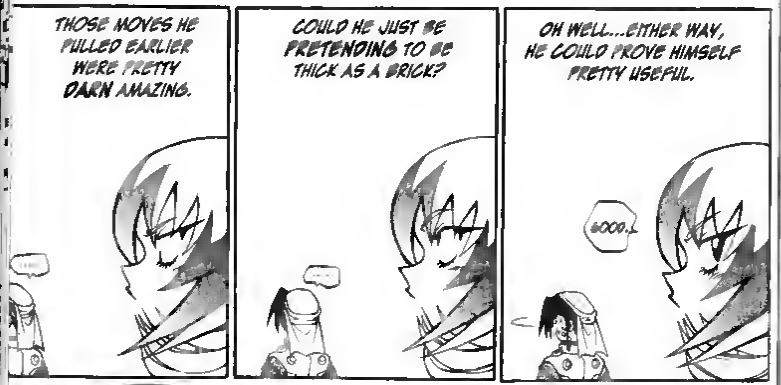
THOSE MOVES HE PULLED EARLIER WERE PRETTY DARN AMAZING.
COULD HE JUST BE PRETENDING TO BE THICK AS A BRICK?
OH WELL...EITHER WAY, HE COULD PROVE HIMSELF PRETTY USEFUL.
GOOD.

+35%
Friendship Scale: +35%

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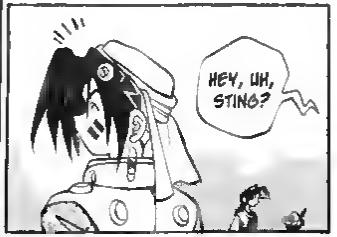
WELL, THAT'S FINE. HE DID SAVE MY BACON TWICE, NOW.


HEY, UH, STING?

HOW OLD DID YOU SAY YOU WERE?
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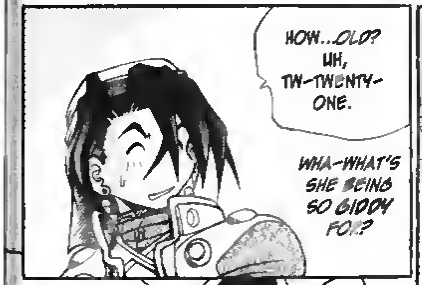
Tee hee


HOW...OLD? UH, TW-TWENTY-ONE.
WHA-WHAT'S SHE BEING SO GIDDY FOR?

SO, NEED ME TO HELP YOU TO FIND WHOEVER IT IS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
OH, YOU PROBABLY KNOW 'EM.

KEWL! THAT MAKES YOU, LIKE, MY BIG BRO OR SOMETHIN'! I'M ONLY EIGHTEEN!
UGH, I'M OVERDOING IT.

I'M HUNTING THE GOLD ROMANY.

NO WAY! YOU ARE AFTER THEM?!

THEN YOU COULD TELL THOSE OTHERS WERE IMPOSTERS?! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW!!

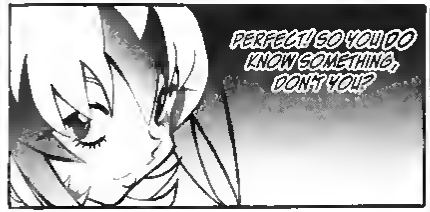
OF COURSE. I'VE EVEN SEEN THEM, TOO.

NO, LEANNE! KEEP YOUR COMPOSURE!

SO, UH, SAY... HOW DO YOU KNOW THE ROMANY ARE HERE?

AWW, COME ON...YOU CAN TELL ME. WE'RE LIKE...LIKE PARTNERS NOW!
SSIIK

US HUNTERS WORK SOLO. QUIT TALKIN' ALL THIS TEAMWORK STUFF AND GO IT ALONE.
TA-DA


PERFECT! SO YOU DO KNOW SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?

...YOU CAN TELL LITTLE OL' ME, CAN'T YA?

OH, STIIING...

COME ON, STINGY. YOU KNOW YOU WANNA.
ACK!

DO IT FOR MEEEE.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! QUIT IT!!

HYA
YA YA YA
YAAAH!!

FORGET IT! THERE'S NO WAY I'M CALMING DOWN!
JEEZ, TALK ABOUT HOLDIN' A GRUDGE.

TAMMY?
I THINK YOU SHOULD GO OUT AND HIT THE TOWN FOR A CHANGE.

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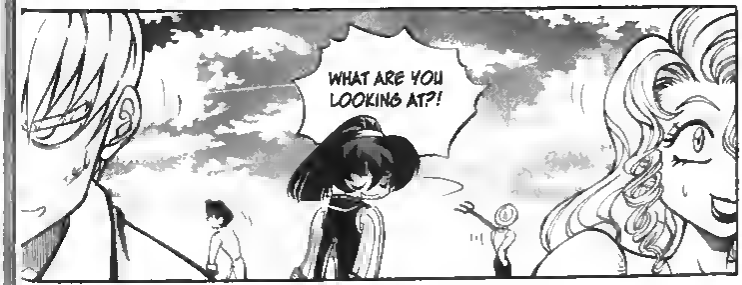
HONESTLY, EVERYONE'S JUST BEING TOO FORGIVING.
I KNOW I HAVE TO KEEP MY EMOTIONS IN CHECK...
...BUT ROMY ALMOST DIED BACK THERE. SHE WAS UNCONSCIOUS FOR TWO WHOLE DAYS!

SURE, IT'S NOT THAT LOSER'S FAULT...

...BUT ROMY WOULD'VE BEEN SO EXCITED TO SEE THAT GOLD!

SIGH. BUT THEN I GOT CARELESS AND...

KRAK
KRAK
...NO WAY! IT'S HIS FAULT!!


WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!

UHG, THIS ISN'T ANY FUN. I SHOULDA JUST GONE SIGHT-SEEING OR SOMETHING
FAS
HELP!
HUH?
PLEASE! HELP!!
NOBODY CAN HEAR THOSE SCREAMS, DARLIN'! NOBODY CARES, EITHER! HEH HEH...
NO!!
.....
WELL, WELL, WELL. I GUESS I GET TO CUT LOOSE AFTER ALL

HEY, BUDDY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE CONSIDERING JUST GETTING LOST...
...NOW WOULD YA?
OOOH, IS THE HITTLE GIRL GONNA SAVE THE OTHER HITTLE GIRL?
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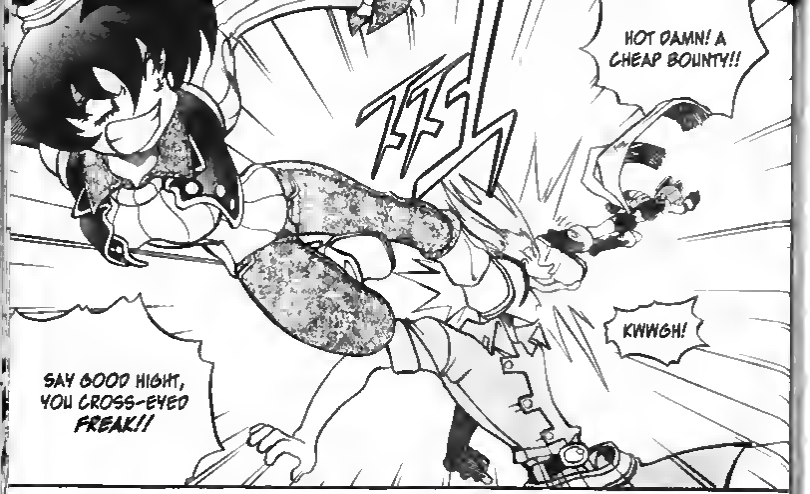
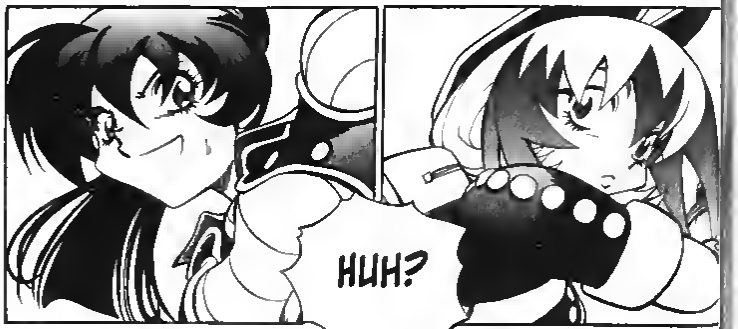
THAT...THAT TONGUE. THAT HAIRCUT. IT'S...IT'S JUST WRONG!


HOT DAMN! A CHEAP BOUNTY!!
KWWGH!
SAY GOOD NIGHT, YOU CROSS-EYED FREAK!!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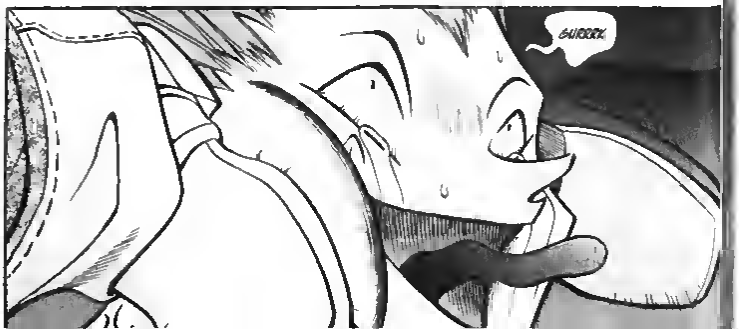
GURRK

WHO ARE YOU?!

OOPS, SORRY. DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD THIS ONE.

YOU DON'T MIND IF WE SPLIT THE BOUNTY, RIGHT? HERE, CAN I GET YOUR NAME?
YOU CAN KEEP IT!

OH, WOW! REALLY?! THANK YOU!!
WHAT'S TAKIN' SO LONG?

WELL, I GOT STUFF TO DO. LATER
TAKE CARE! ♡
W-WAIT A SEC!
HUH?

TH-TH-THAT'S--!!
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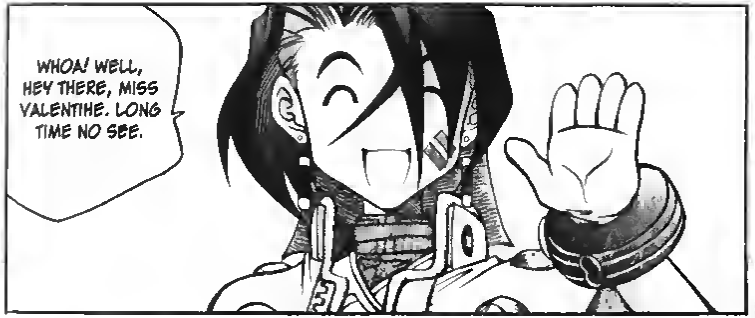
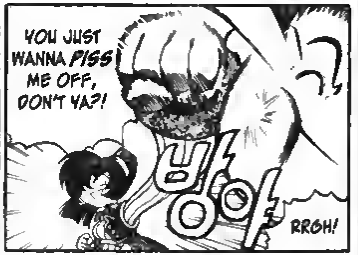
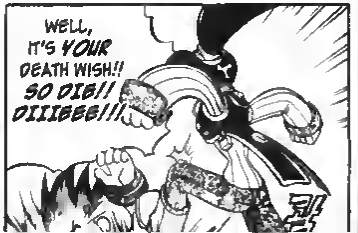

WHOA! WELL, HEY THERE, MISS VALENTIHE. LONG TIME NO SEE.

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
BUT I--


YOU JUST WANNA PISS ME OFF, DON'T YA?!
RRGH!

Vaam


WELL, IT'S YOUR DEATH WISH!! SO DIE!! DIIIEEE!!!

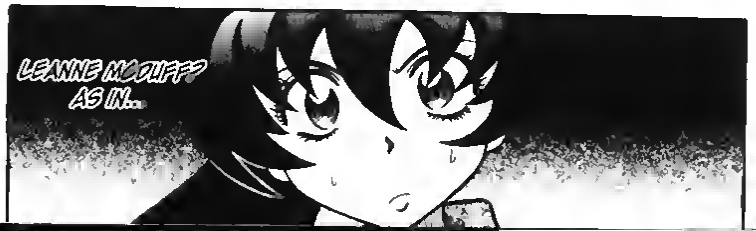
OH, HOW I WISH I COULD JUST...
WOW, SHE LOOKS PRETTY HAPPY TO SEE ME.

YEP, SURE DO! MISS VALENTINE'S THE COOLEST
DO YOU KNOW HER?
SNIFF.

HEH. THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES.

IT'S REALLY NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M LEANNE MCDUFF.

UM, M-MISS VALENTINE?


LEANNE MCDUFF? AS IN...

F-FAST SWORD MCDUFF?

YOU'VE HEARD OF ME?! SO YOU'RE A HUNTER, TOO?! THAT'S SO COOL!!

Friendship Scale: 70%
AND THAT KICK YOU DID WAS AWESOME!

SORRY, NOT A HUNTER. JUST PASSING THROUGH.
EH?

WELL, THEN HOW'D YOU KNOW MY NAME?

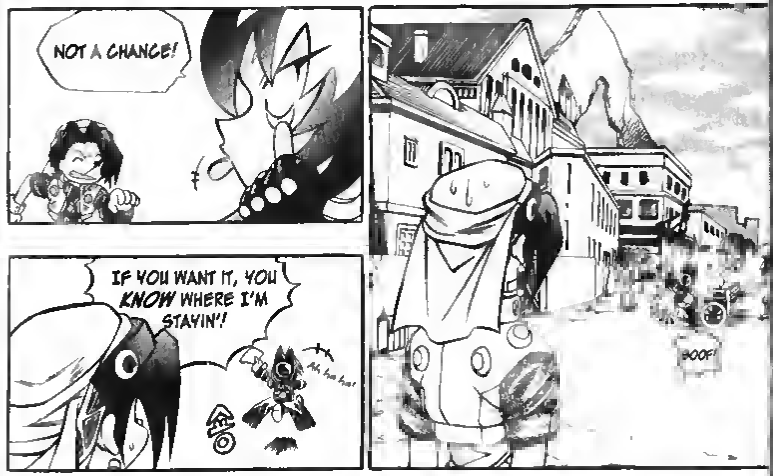
AWW, CRUD

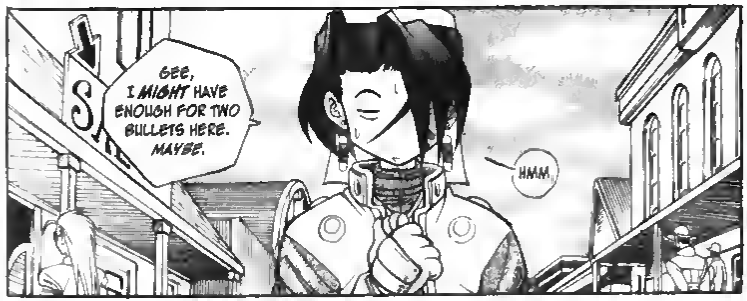
I, UH, I USED TO WORK FOR A RAILROAD, SO... UH, YEAH!

RAILROADS DO GET LOTS OF BOUNTIES. ANYTHIN'S POSSIBLE.
BUT YOU KNOW...
THEY'RE ALSO KNOWN TO STEAL PEOPLE'S LAND AWAY WITH ALL THAT TRACK LAYIN'.
YEAH, I'VE HEARD THAT, TOO.
Chatter Chatter
OF ALL THE EXCUSES... UGH.
흐느적
Droop

ANYHOW, SEE YOU AROUND.
WOW, BEEN A BUSY DAY SO FAR.
HEY, CAN I...GET MY SHARE NOW?

WHAT FOR? YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME ANYTHING USEFUL ABOUT THE ROMANY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! GIMME THAT!


NOT A CHANCE!
IF YOU WANT IT, YOU KNOW WHERE I'M STAYIN'!
Ah ha ha!
WOOF!


GEE, I MIGHT HAVE ENOUGH FOR TWO BULLETS HERE. MAYBE.
HMM.

OH, WAIT. THE SHOOTOUT WAS AT THE WEAPONS SHOP. ALMOST FORGOT.
RIGHT. WELL, THERE CAN'T JUST BE ONE WEAPONS SHOP AROUND HERE, RIGHT?
OOOH, MAYBE MISS VALENTINE'LL KNOW!

THE FIRST TIME HE WAS WITH CHUCK BLACK, AND NOW IT'S LEANNE MCCUFF. THIS CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE.

Pssl
AND "FAST SHORO" MCCUFF'S A WOMAN, AT THAT.
They looked pretty lovey-dovey too.

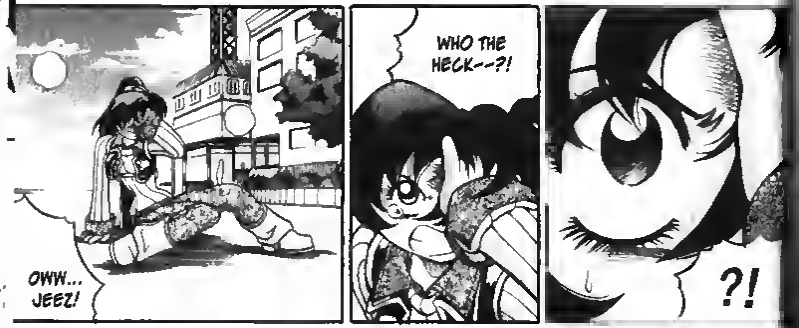
WHAT THE HECK'S YOUR GAME, HUH?!

WAIT A MINUTE... DOES THIS MEAN THAT HE'S HERE, TOO?!

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS.
I'VE GOTTA FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIM...

Twack

Thuud



BLAZIN' BARRELS

AH...

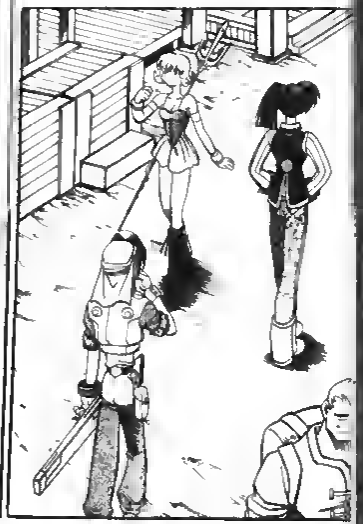
YOUNG LADIES AREN'T SUPPOSED TO RUSH ABOUT LIKE THAT.
B-BIG BROTHER--

HUH?

HMM.

SEEMS NORMAL ENOUGH!

SO, WE'RE FAMILY NOW?



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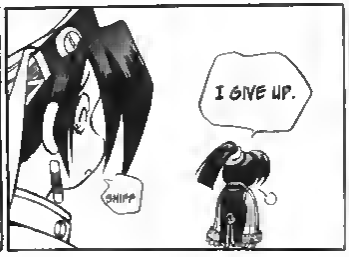
Glance

SNIFF.

HOW COULD I HAVE MISTAKEN HIM... FOR MY BIG BROTHER?

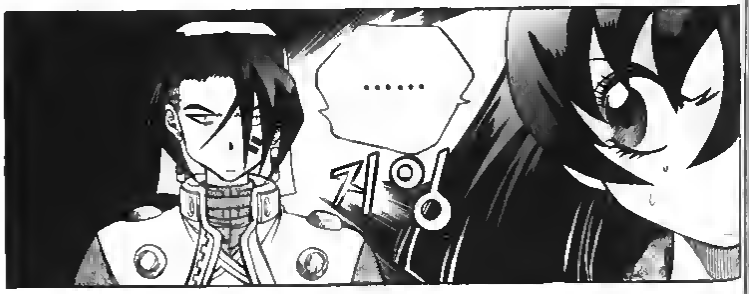
STOP FOLLOWING ME, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! IT'S EMBARRASSING!!

Hee hee.


I GIVE UP.
SNIFF

YIIP!

HOW SHOULD I BRING UP THE WEAPONS STORE? DO I JUST ASK?
WHERE DO I EVEN START IN LEARNING ABOUT HIM?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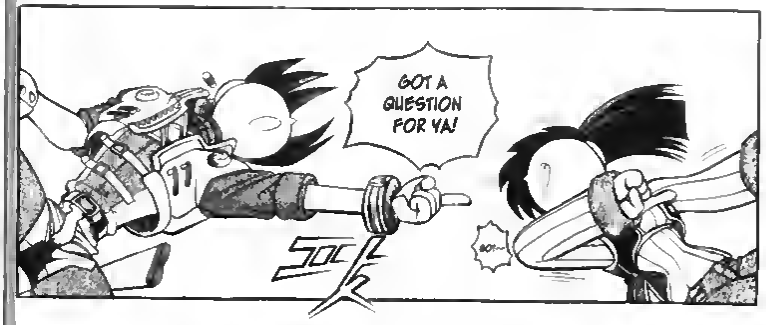
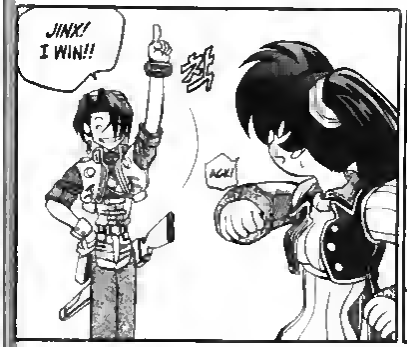

GOT A QUESTION FOR YA!
BOY...


JINX! I WIN!!
ACK!

OKAY, I'LL GO FIRST.

ANY IDEA WHERE THE NEAREST WEAPONS SHOP'S AT, TAMMY?

AND WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO USE MY FIRST NAME?

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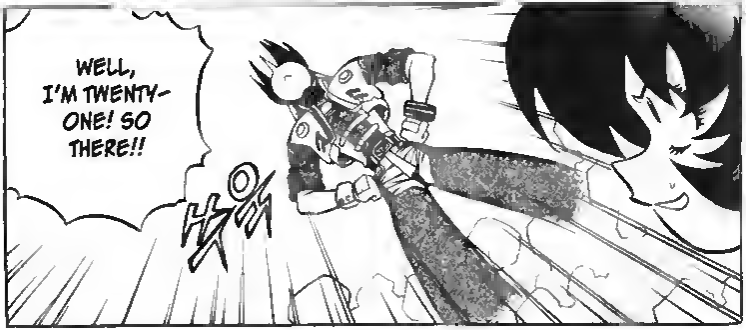
UGH.

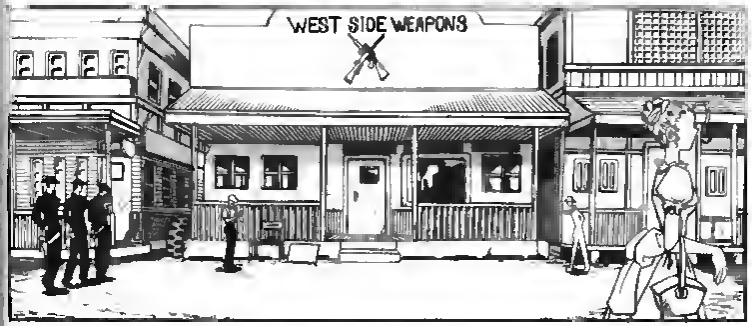
SAY, MISS TAMMY, YOU LOOK KINDA YOUNG.
MAYBE 'CAUSE I'M NINETEEN?

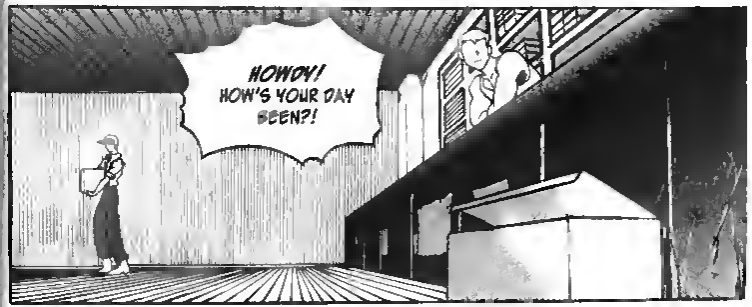

WELL, I'M TWENTY-ONE! SO THERE!!

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CALL ME MISTER STING, THEN I WON'T DO THE SAME.

AND NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED...

. PLEASE SHOW ME WHERE I CAN FIND A WEAPONS SHOP!!
EYAA!


WEST SIDE WEAPONS

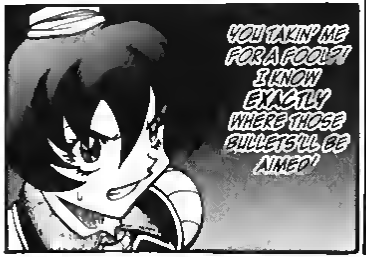

HOWDY! HOW'S YOUR DAY BEEN?!

MINE'S BEEN GREAT! ANYWAY, I'M LOOKIN' FOR SOME AMMO FOR THIS RIFLE.
SURE. LOOKS LIKE A THIRTY-EIGHT AND A HALF. HOW MANY DO YOU NEED?
TWO HUNDRED?! OKAY!!
Chung
UH, NO. I'M KINDA STRAPPED FOR CASH. SO, TWO'LL DO.
RIIIIGHT. WELL, WHAT-EVER.

UH, MISTER? THERE'S...THERE'S FOUR HERE.
I GUESS YOU MISSED THE SIGN OUT FRONT. THEY'RE FIFTY PERCENT OFF.
Hee hee
흣!
I COULD EVEN GO AS LOW AS SIXTY OFF ON A SET OF THIRTY, BUT...YOU KNOW.
YEEEAH.
Beep!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

PLEASE? IT'D BE THE PERFECT REUNION PRESENT
NO MEANS NO!!

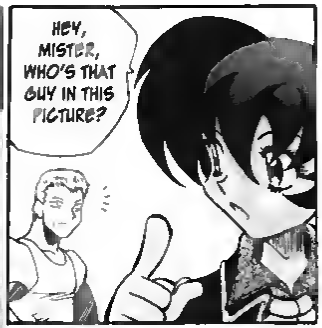
EH


YOU TAKIN' ME FOR A FOOL?! I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THOSE BULLETS'LL BE AIMED!

EEEEGH?!
NO?

GET YOUR HANDS OFFA ME!!
O'OH!

Eh, heh...
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS...


HEY, MISTER, WHO'S THAT GUY IN THIS PICTURE?

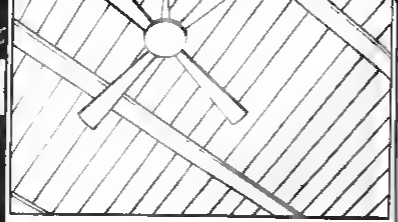
OH, MY FRIEND DREW THAT. THE MAN IN IT SAVED MY LIFE BACK WHEN I WAS IN THE ARMY.

EVEN HEARD THAT HE'S THE REASON THE NORTH WON.
DON'T KNOW ANY DETAILS, BUT I HEAR THE ARMY'S STILL LOOKIN' FOR HIM.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM.
WHA?
YOU DEAF?! I SAID, TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW!!

HEY! WAIT UP!!
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

BLAZIN' BARRELS

HOTEL



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Hee hee
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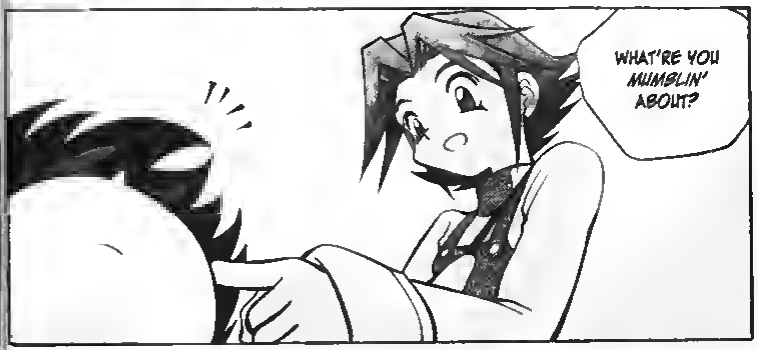
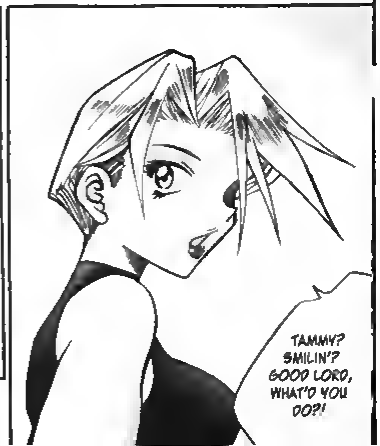
I'LL SAY HE'S SUSPICIOUS, ALL RIGHT.


WHAT'RE YOU MUMBLIN' ABOUT?

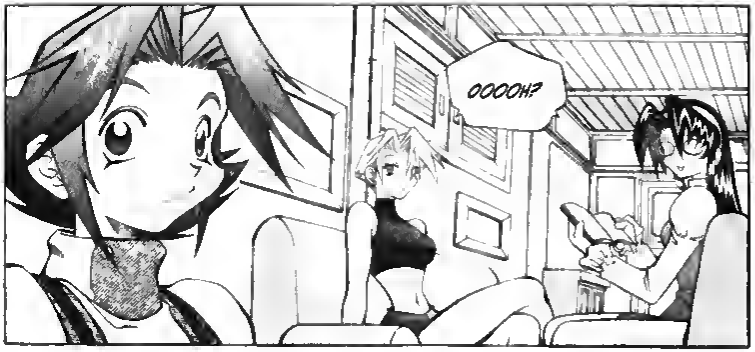
JEEZ, NOW EVEN I'M CONFUSED...

I SAID, TELL ME EVERY-THING YOU KNOW!!
HMMM...

EH? NOTHIN' REALLY.


TAMMY? SMILIN'? GOOD LORD, WHAT'D YOU DO?!

SHE'S RIGHT. YOU'VE BEEN ACTING *MIGHTY* CHIPPER. GO SOMEWHERE NICE?
QUIT KIDDING AROUND. I MET HIM OUTSIDE.


OOOOH?

WHO'S "HIM"?
HIM!!
I WASN'T *MEANING* TO... I JUST *KINDA* RAN INTO HIM.
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TH-THEN IS... IS MR. BLACK HERE, *TOO*?

PROBABLY. BUT I'M GUESSING IT'S WORSE THAN THAT.

HE...HE HAD "FAST SWORD" MCDUFF WITH HIM.

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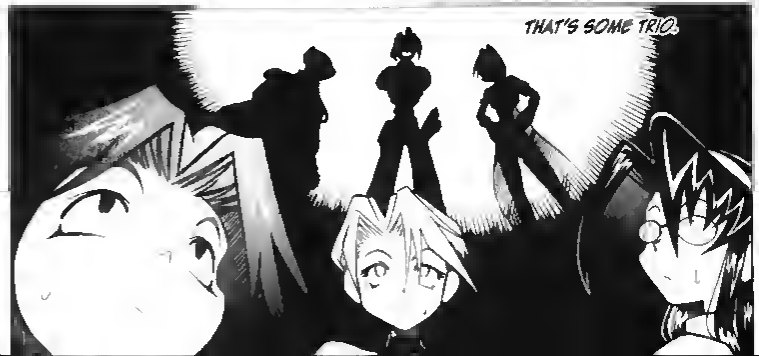
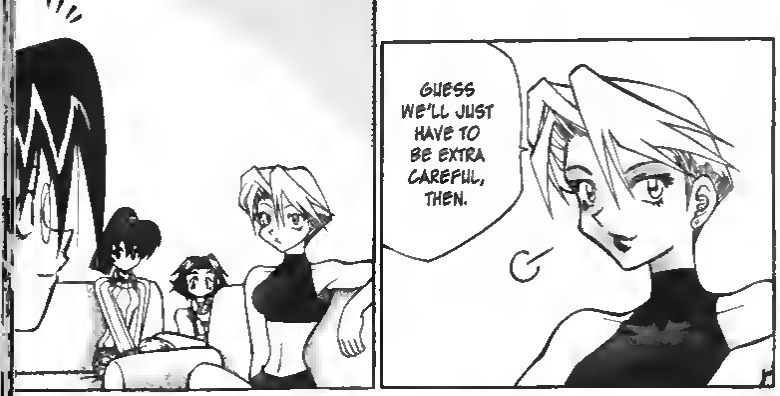
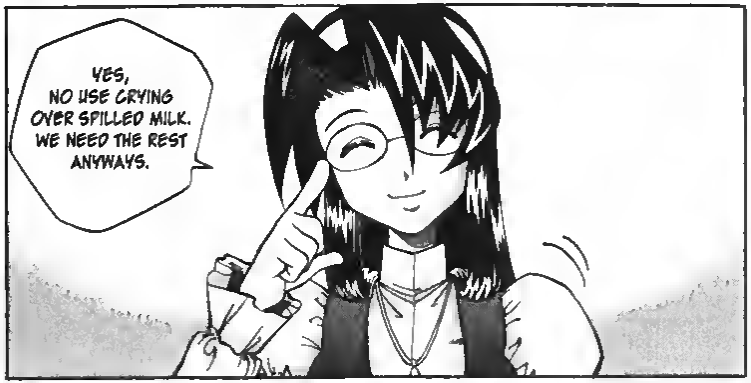

THAT'S SOME TRIO.



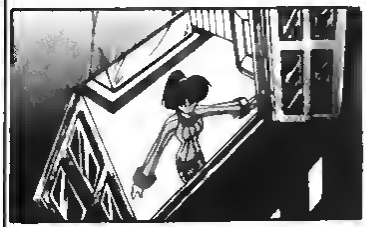
GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL, THEN.


YES, NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK. WE NEED THE REST ANYWAYS.

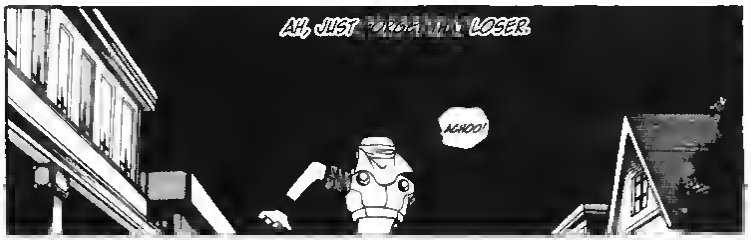
AND WE CAN EVEN GET INTEL WHILE WE'RE AT IT!

OOOH, THEN DOES THAT MEAN WE GET TO BE HERE FOR A WHILE?!
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

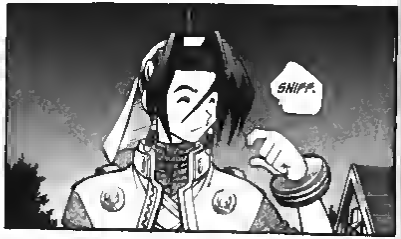
HEY, CAN...CAN WE GO SHOPPING TOMORROW?
HMM
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T GO OUT!
YES, LET'S GO LAUNDRY INSTEAD



WHY DOES HE REMIND ME SO MUCH OF MY BROTHER?


AH, JUST [illegible] LOSER.
ACHOO!

IT'S...IT'S GETTIN' PRETTY NIPPY OUT.
SNIFF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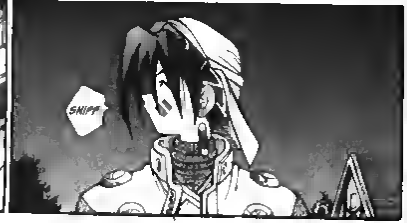
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ARRRGH! I DON'T EVEN SEE ANYTHING REMOTELY CLOSE TO A HOTEL!

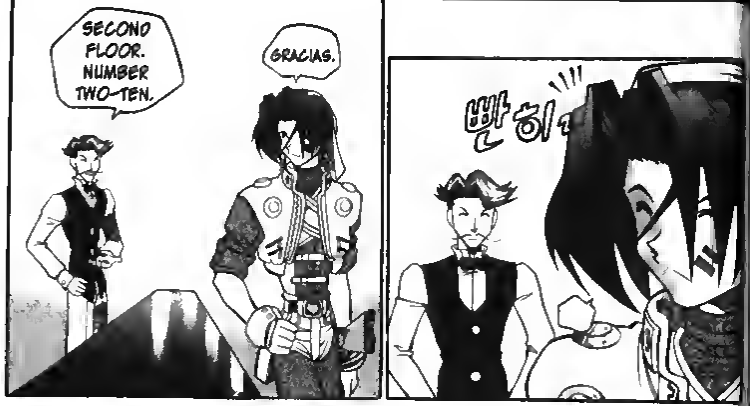
IT'S TOO HIGH. I...I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT.

Dingaling

WAN
REWARD

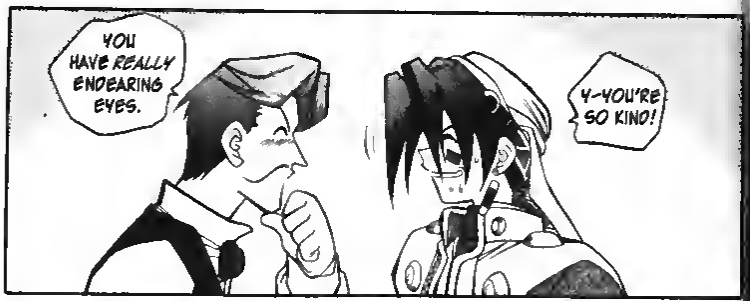
HOWDY, SIR. WHAT CAN I DO YA FOR?

UM, BY ANY CHANCE IS A LEANNE MCDUFF STAYING HERE?
AH, GOOD. YOU'RE HERE.

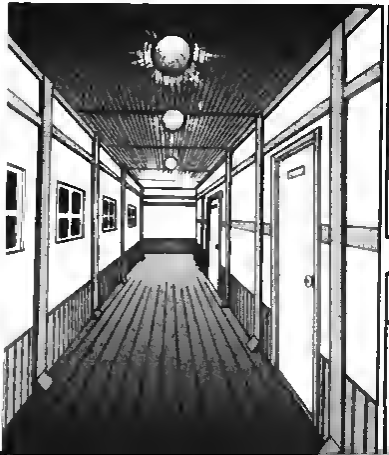

SECOND FLOOR. NUMBER TWO-TEN.
GRACIAS.

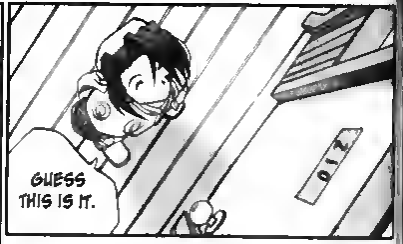
OH, STINSH! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YA!!

HONESTLY, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT DISAPPEARED ON--


YOU HAVE REALLY ENDEARING EYES.
Y-YOU'RE SO KIND!

HEY THERE. ♡
DOINK




GUESS THIS IS IT.

Knock Knock

HEY, LEANNE! YOU IN THERE?

ARGH! GET SOME CLOTHES ON, WILL YA?!
WHO CARES? IT'S JUST US!
WANNA TAKE A BATH? WATER'S NICE AND WRAAARM.
HIC!
UGH, THAT SMELL!
AND YOU'RE UNDERAGE! FOR SHAME!!
HA! YOU BIG DORK!!
COME ON, HAVE A DRINK WITH ME!
NAH, I THINK I'LL-- ARGH!!
Glug Glug Glug
HOTEL
KYA HA HA!
BURP!

MMNN.
UNNN, MY HEAD.
WH-WHERE AM I?
NNNN♡
WIPE!
EH?

UH OH...
YEE HAW!
OH YEAH, NOW IT'S COMING BACK...
YOU SURE CAN TOSS 'EM BACK!
AH HA HA! CH-CHECK THIS OUT!!
BWA HA!
MAYBE IT'S BEST JUST TO... LOCK OUT THOSE MEMORIES.
HOW COULD SHE SLEEP LIKE THIS?
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DID SHE SLEEP ON THE FLOOR FOR ME...?
AH HA HA!
OKAY, MAYBE NOT.
MMBLE MMBLE
WELL, FUN'S OVER. TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.
BETTER KEEP OUT OF HER HAIR FOR A BIT, TOO.

AH, SIR. SLEEP WELL?
YEP YEP
WHY'S THIS GUY GIVING ME THE CREEPS?
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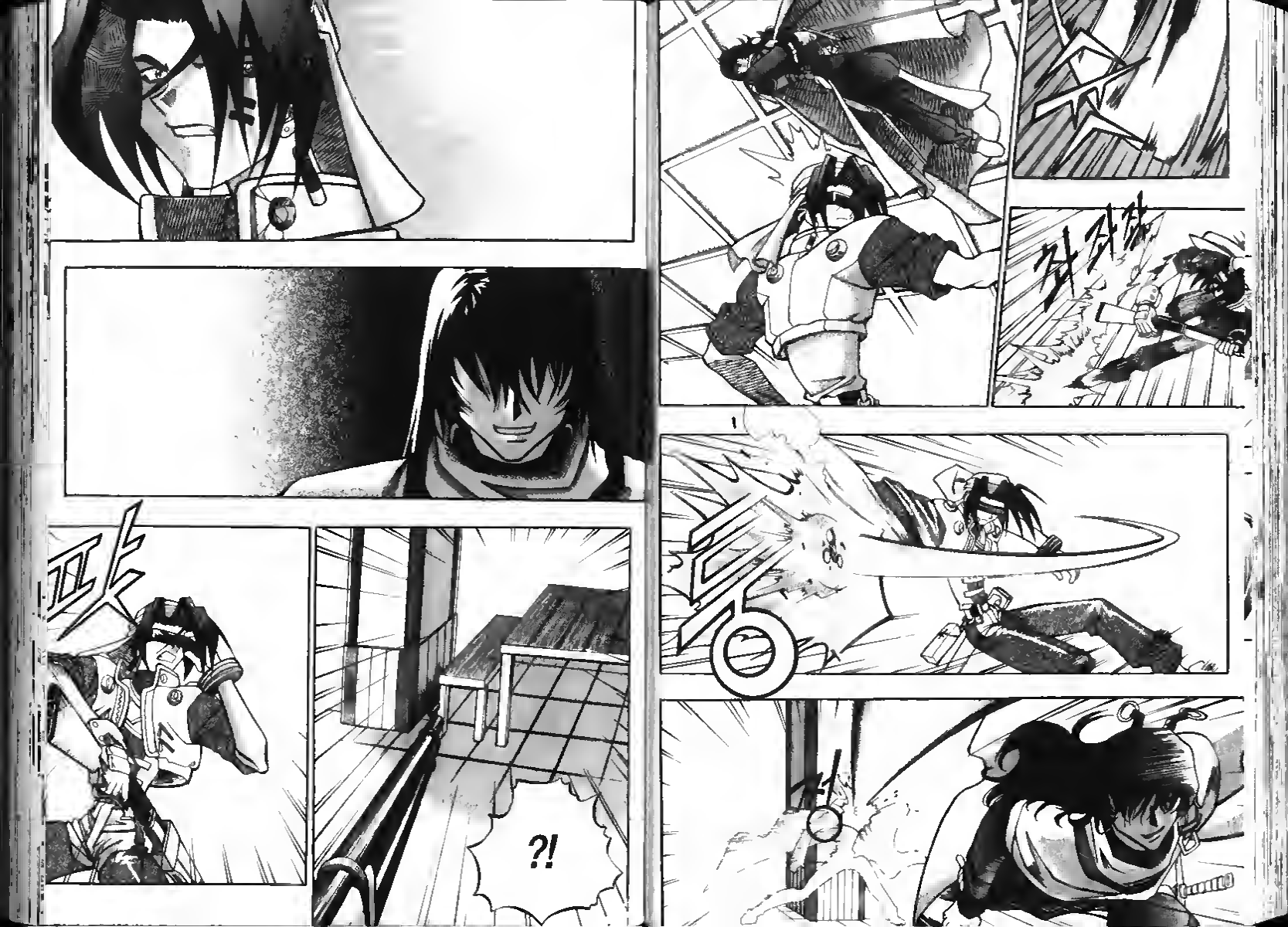
BLAZIN' BARRELS



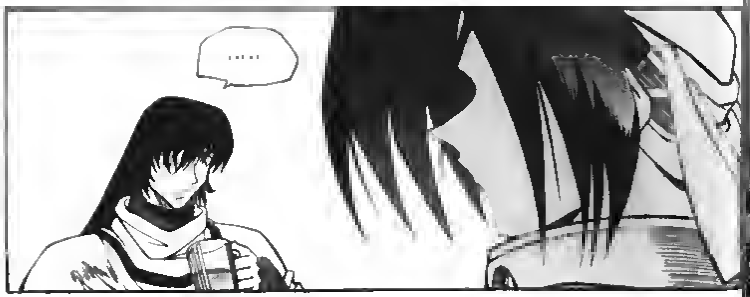
HEEOH!

MY WORD, WHAT'S IT BEEN? TEN YEARS?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL. SURE, YOU'RE A BIT TALLER, BUT YOU'RE STILL THE SAME OLD STING.

I SEE YOU'VE BEEN PRACTIC-ING.
EH. COMES WITH THE TERRITORY.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON. GOOD TO SEE YOUR JOURNEY'S BROUGHT YOU WEST.

LOOK, I'M REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD TO PLAY CATCH-UP.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SUIT YOURSELF. JUST THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW I'M LOOKIN' TO ARREST YOUR OLD MAN.

WHAT'D HE DO?

SLEEP WITH THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER OR SOMETHING?
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YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR FATHER, DO YOU?
NOTHING TO KNOW... 'CEPT HE RAN OUT ON US.

THIS IS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL, BUT SINCE YOU'RE HIS SON, I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU KNOW.

YOUR FATHER, MAJOR FLEET-WOOD--

I AIN'T INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT A MAN WHO ABANDONED HIS FAMILY!!

DUE TO HIS EFFORTS PAID OFF, THE WAR HAD ENDED CONSIDERABLY EASIER THAN ANTICIPATED, BUT MAJOR FLEETWOOD KNEW TOO MUCH.

JUST HEAR ME OUT. I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED.

HE WAS A MILITARY RISK, AND ONE TO BE ELIMINATED.

HOWEVER, EVERY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL.

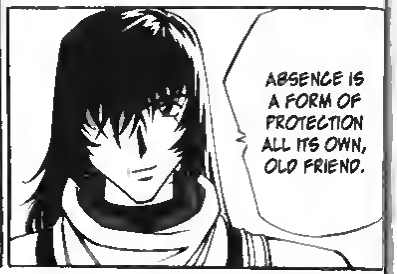
YOU AT LEAST KNOW YOUR FATHER WAS ONE OF THE WAR'S NORTHERN OFFICIALS...

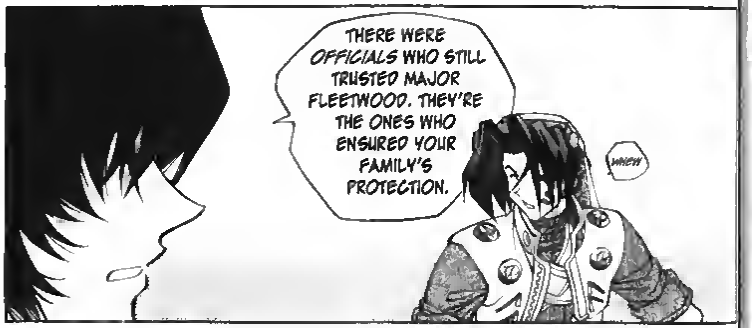
...BUT HE WAS ALSO A SECRET AGENT ASSIGNED TO ELIMINATE CONFEDERATE LEADERS.

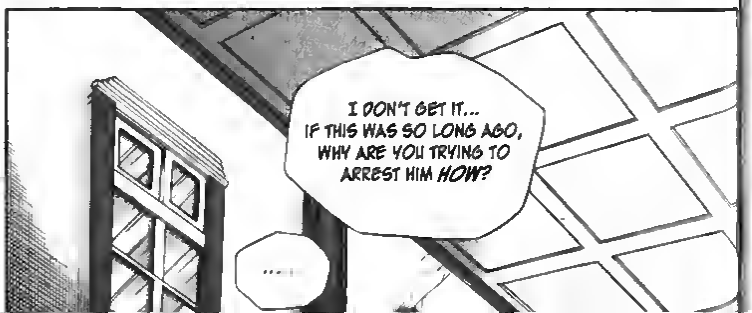
AND THEN, HE JUST UP AND... VANISHED.

I HOPE YOU CAN AT LEAST SEE WHY HE NEVER RETURNED.

SO YOU'RE SAYING HE WAS PROTECTING US?


ABSENCE IS A FORM OF PROTECTION ALL ITS OWN, OLD FRIEND.


THERE WERE OFFICIALS WHO STILL TRUSTED MAJOR FLEETWOOD. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ENSURED YOUR FAMILY'S PROTECTION.
WHEW!


I DON'T GET IT... IF THIS WAS SO LONG AGO, WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO ARREST HIM HOW?
...

ONCE I TELL YOU THIS...

.....
...IT'LL ALL BECOME MUCH CLEARER.

THREE YEARS AGO, A SERIES OF EVENTS--ALL LINKED TO YOUR FATHER--STARTED TO HAPPEN.

ALL THOSE WHO AGREED TO ELIMINATE YOUR FATHER WERE SYSTEMATICALLY MURDERED ONE BY ONE.

IT'S STILL HAPPENING. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

BUT IF YOU'RE HERE...?

WE HAVE INTELLIGENCE THAT INDICATES YOUR FATHER IS IN VERMAIOR.
IF MY ASSUMPTIONS ARE CORRECT, HIS NEXT TARGET IS RETIRED LIEUTENANT PARKER
OH, AND IF YOU WANT TO SEEM HIM... COME TO CENTRAL PLAZA AROUND SUNSET.
ADIOS.
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND I CAN'T WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY. I NEED ANSWERS.
THAT SAID, I SHOULD GO PREPARE. LET'S MEET UP AGAIN SOMETIME.
DAMN!
WHAT'S THE USE?

307
UGH! I'M SOOO BORED!!
YOU ALL LIED! YOU SAID I COULD GO SHOPPING TODAY!!
JEEZ. EVEN I'M TIRED OF BEIN' COOPED UP
YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS, ROMY. NOBODY SAID THAT.
ARGH! JUST GET THIS THING OFFA ME!!
TALK ABOUT A TANTRUM.
YEAH, AN' WHAT IF BLACK SPOTS YA OUT THERE?
Thump
GET IT OFF, NOW!
OWF!
WELL, I GUESS QUITTING'S NOT AN OPTION.

WAS I JUST IMAGINING IT AGAIN...?

BLAZIN' BARRELS

MAYBE I WAS.

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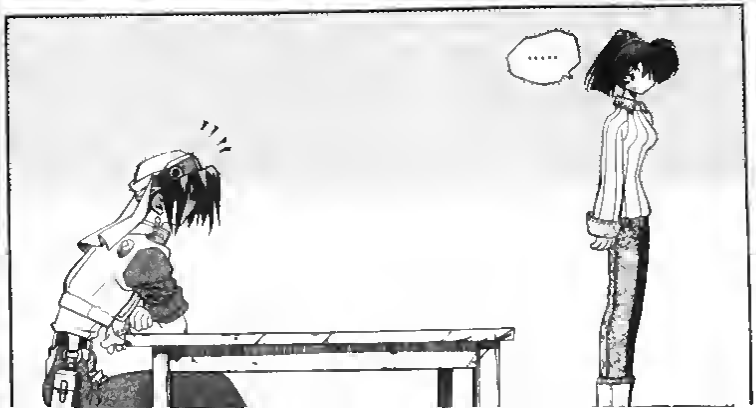
BUT SURELY...

OH GOD, I FEEL SO

Dingaling

WHO AM I KIDDING? MY BROTHER ISN'T AROUND HERE.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AGH! Y-Y-YOU AGAIN?!
HEY, GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO

UUUGH.

ARE...YOU FEELIN' OKAY?

TELL ME!!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

IN THAT CASE, DID YOU SEE A TALL GUY WITH LONG BLACK HAIR?!
EH?!

I...I STAYED HERE..?
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Slump

WHICH WAY DID HE GO?!
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UH, LONG BLACK HAIR? K-KINDA SOUNDS LIKE MARK.

HURRY UP! POINT HIM OUT!!
UH, C-CALM DOWN!

OH, WOW... THAT'S RIGHT!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, HUH?!

MARK'S LAST NAME'S VALENTINE. MARK VALENTINE.

OKAY, OKAY...! JUST LIGHTEN UP!

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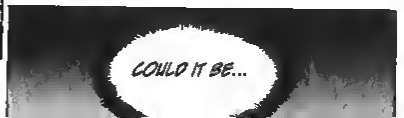
Hmmm

ISN'T SHE CUTE?
SURE IS!

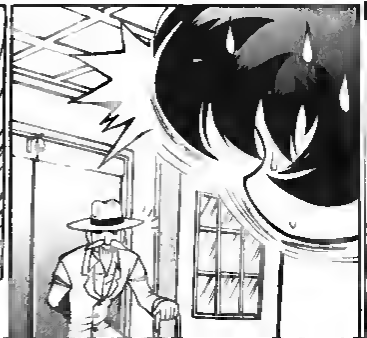

COULD IT BE...

...THE GIRL IN THE PICTURES...!

IF YOU'RE WASTING TIME, THEN BAD MOVE.

I'LL FORCE YOU TO CHANGE YOUR TUNE!!
TIME OUT!

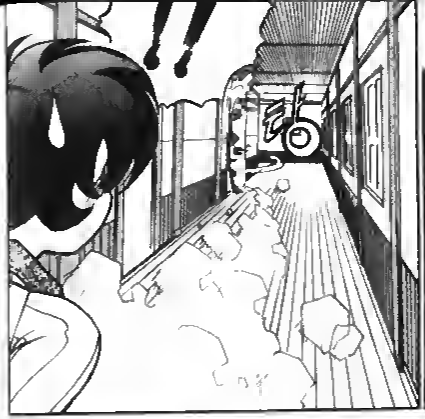
HEY, MARK! BACK SO SOON?



WHY I OUGHTTA --!!

JUST SPILL THE BEANS AND TELL ME WHERE HE IS!!

AND I AIN'T STOPPIN' UNTIL YOU DO!!
I WOULD--BUT I REALLY CAN'T RIGHT NOW!



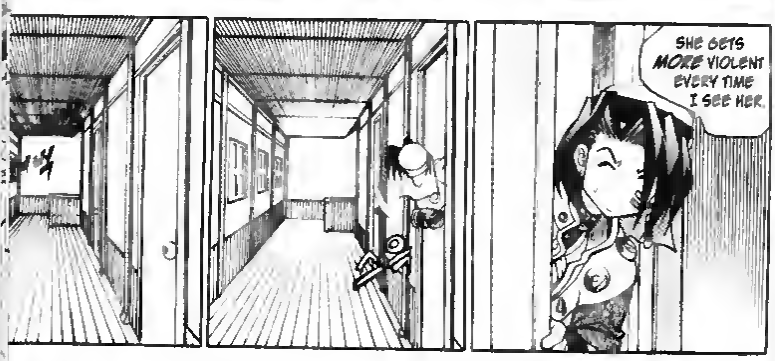
OPEN THE DOOR 'FORE I BUST IT DOWN!!
YOU HEAR ME?!

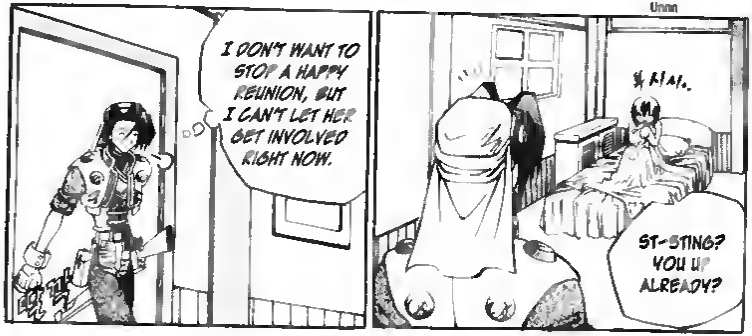
HUFF... HUFF.... WHAT'S... WHAT'S THE BIG SECRET, HUH?

Hmph

AHH, POOH.

JUST SEE IF I GIVE UP...


SHE GETS MORE VIOLENT EVERY TIME I SEE HER.


I DON'T WANT TO STOP A HAPPY REUNION, BUT I CAN'T LET HER GET INVOLVED RIGHT NOW.
Unnn
ST-STING? YOU UP ALREADY?

UP ALREADY? IT'S ALMOST NOON.
Yaawh!
REALLY?

EH... JUST GIMME TEN MORE MINUTES.
I'M NOT WAKIN' YOU UP.

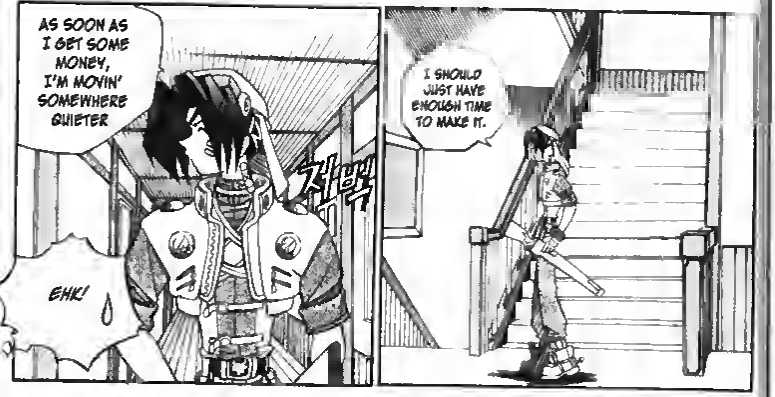
TEN WHOLE YEARS...

DAD...

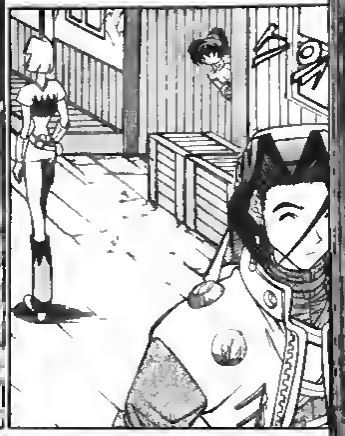
SIXTEEN AND STILL SUCH A SPOILED BRAT.
IT'S BECAUSE SHE WAS CUT OFF FROM HER PARENTS PRETTY EARLY.
STILL, SHE HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEN.
I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU... BUT WHAT'S KEEPIN' TAMMY?
I DON'T KNOW. IT'LL BE GETTING DARK SOON.
ACHOO!

IT'S GETTING A BIT CHILLY.
THEY'RE PROBABLY GETTING ANTSY, BUT THIS IS JUST SOMETHING I'VE GOTTA DO
IF YOU'RE GOING OUT, THEN I'M COMIN', TOO!
WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING?! I SAID IT'S PERSONAL!!
EEP! TH-THEY'RE... ST-STAYING... TOGETHER?!

B-BUT THAT'S SO...SO KINKY!!
AH, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT! FREEZE FOR ALL I CARE!
HEY!


AS SOON AS I GET SOME MONEY, I'M MOVIN' SOMEWHERE QUIETER
EHK!
I SHOULD JUST HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE IT.

GOOD! HE'S FINALLY ON THE MOVE!



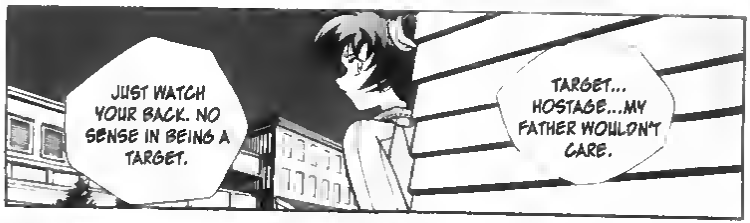
JEEZ! WHERE'S HE GOING?!

AH HA! SO IT'S CENTRAL PLAZA!

WAIT...
...WHAT AM I HIDING FOR?
MARK'S RIGHT THERE
BLAZIN' BARRELS

ARE YOU STILL SURE MY FATHER'S GONNA SHOW TONIGHT?
LIEUTENANT PARKER'S FLEEING THE COUNTRY TOMORROW. IT'S NOW OR NEVER.

SO MY FATHER'S BECOME A KILLER...
AT THIS MOMENT, HE'S JUST A SUSPECT.


JUST WATCH YOUR BACK. NO SENSE IN BEING A TARGET.
TARGET... HOSTAGE...MY FATHER WOULDN'T CARE.

HA HA! EVEN BACK THEN YOU TWO NEVER GOT ALONG.
QUIT LAUGHIN'. I'M NOT KIDDING.

WHY ARE YOU SO HUNG UP ON MY DAD, ANYWAY? THIS CAN'T JUST BE ABOUT A MISSION.

I RESPECT YOUR FATHER-- PURSUING HIM WASN'T MY IDEA.

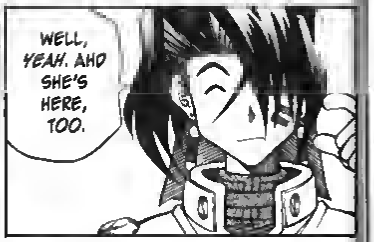
BUT I'LL EXPLAIN THE REASONS LATER. IT'S TIME.

UH, SURE. JUST ONE MORE QUESTION, THOUGH...

...DON'T YOU HAVE A SISTER OR SOMETHING?

WHY...WHY WOULD YOU BRING THAT UP?
HIS VOICE...IT'S QUIVERING?!

BUT Y-YES, HER NAME'S TAMMY. YOU SAYING YOU KNOW HER?


WELL, YEAH. AHO SHE'S HERE, TOO.

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BEEN LOOKIN' FOR YA, EVEN. YOU SHOULD PROBABLY DROP BY AND SAY "HI" SOMETIME.
WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW THIS NOW?!

RUN.
HUH?

!!
JUST DO IT!!

ACK?!

BLAST! THOSE TWO'RE QUICK!!
JUST WAIT 'TIL I GET YOU! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!!
HMM. MARK AND MY DAD...THOSE TWO ARE A LOT ALIKE
LEAST SHE WON'T BE FOLLOWING US OVER THAT.
AT LEAST TELL ME WHY WE'RE RUNNING!
WHY DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO HAVE A REASON?!
OH MY GOD! SHE'S NOT HUMAN!!
THAT SISTER OF MINE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME!
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SHE JUST WANTS TO KILL ME!!
I CAN IMAGINE...!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HER! AFTER THREE YEARS, I DOUBT EVEN I CAN HANDLE HER!!

JUST STAY FOCUSED AND FOLLOW ME!
NOW, LET'S SEE... WHAT'VE YOU DONE WRONG?
CARE FOR ME TO RECITE THE ENTIRE LIST?!
THIS WAY!!
D-DID WE LOSE HER?
Huff
Huff
There's no escape!
ARE YOU LITTLE BOYS FINISHED RUNNING YET?
GULP
Huff
Huff
Huff

I-I'M A GONER.

DID...DID SHE GET SOME SPECIAL TRAINING OR SOMETHING?

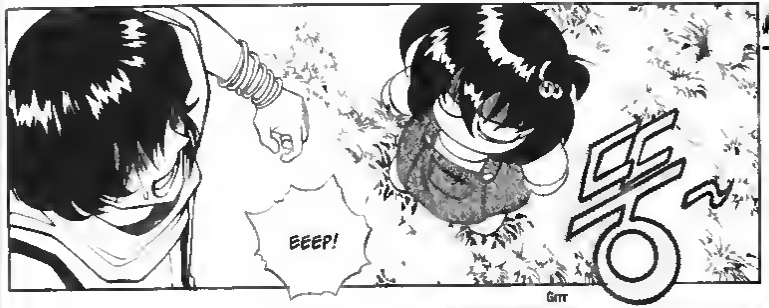
NOPE, SHE WAS JUST BORN ATHLETIC.

EVEN AS A KID, SHE WAS JUST NATURALLY SPUNKY.

WHY, WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT EIGHT...

OOOH! CAN I...CAN I TRY IT, TOO?

NO WAY! WHAT IF YOU GET HURT? WHAT WOULD MA AND PA SAY?


BEEP!

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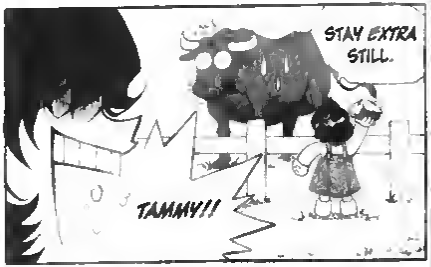
STAY EXTRA STILL.
TAMMY!!

THAT'S RIGHT. JUST AIM AND PULL THE TRIGGER BACK.
OOOH.

FINE! JUST QUIT TRYIN' TO SLAY THEM COWS!
YAY!

SHOOT WHEN I TELL YOU TO!
Bang

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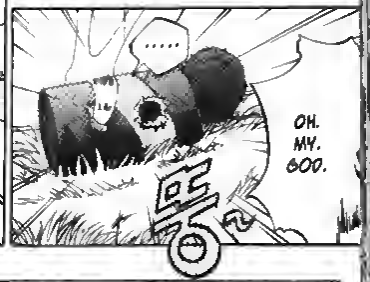
HOLY COW! DIDJA SEE? DIDJA SEE?!

Bang

TAMMY DON--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OH. MY. GOD.

WHEN MY PA FOUND I LET TAMMY SHOOT, HE NEARLY SKINNED ME ALIVE!
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BUT EVEN AFTER, SHE'D STILL GO OUT AND PRAC- TICE. HECK, I EVEN SAW HER PLUCK AN EAGLE OUTTA THE SKY ONCE.

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR HOW SHE TURNED OUT, THEN.

I KNOW. AND I REGRET IT EVEN TO THIS DAY.

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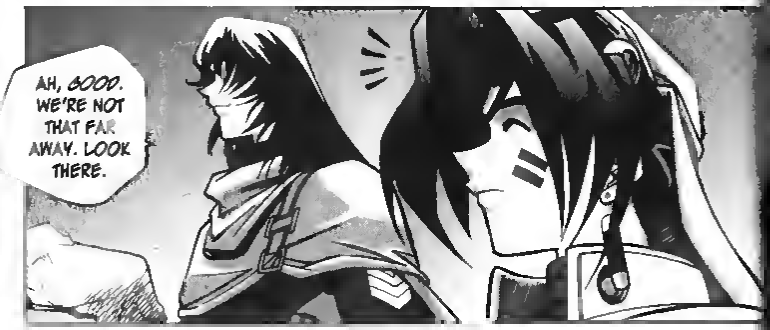
AH, GOOD. WE'RE NOT THAT FAR AWAY. LOOK THERE.

THAT'S PARKER'S MANSION.

WE'D BEST HURRY

SECURITY SEEMS A BIT THICK.
YES, THICKER THAN USUAL.

BLAZIN' BARRELS
LOOKS LIKE IT COST A PRETTY DROP TO HIRE ALL THEM RANGERS.
COMPARED TO WHAT HE SHINDOLED WHILE HE WAS IN THE OFFICE, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING.
SO YOU THINK MY FATHER CAN REALLY GET THROUGH ALL THIS?
"drop" = unit of currency
IT'S DEFINITELY POSSIBLE.
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!!
DAMMIT! WE'VE GOT INTRUDERS!
OMF!
IT CAME FROM THE LIBRARY!
AH, HELL!
HE'S ALREADY IN?!
HOW DID HE DO THAT?
I'M GOING AROUND TO THE BACK. FOLLOW ME!
BLASTED RANGERS! DON'T EVEN KNOW BASIC DEFENSE!

STAY FOCUSED! JUST KEEP RUNNING!!

DAMN.

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HE'S ALMOST AT THE OUTSKIRTS! DON'T LET UP!!

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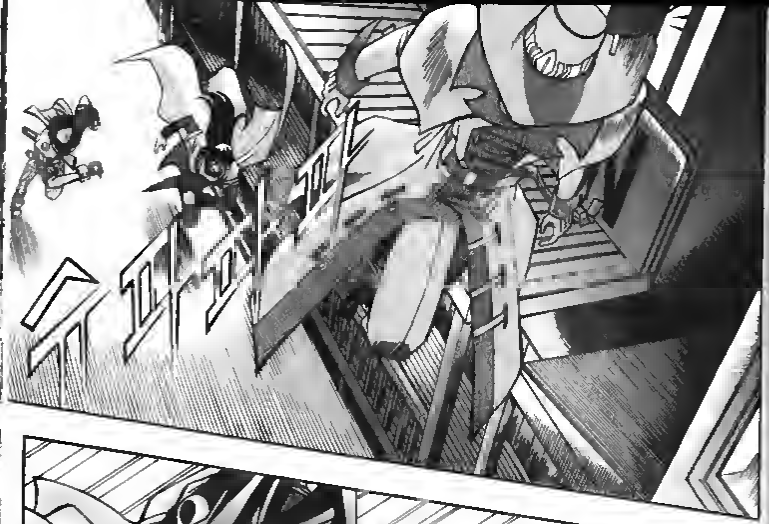

PERFECT!
THERE HE IS!!

WA-WAIT UP!
STOP!
PLEASE!!
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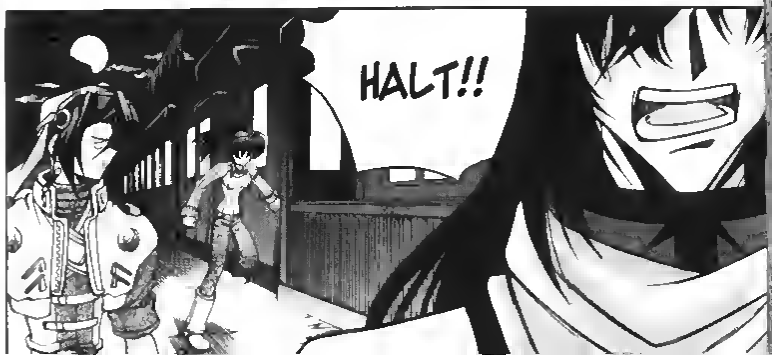
BLOODY
HELL!!

DAMN.

MAAARK!


HALT!!

M-MARK...?

DON'T...MOVE.

HE'S...STILL...
HERE.

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LOOK OUT!
UNNH!

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슈우

HE'S AIMING... AT MY LEG? YEAH-- HE'S A GOOD FATHER, ALL RIGHT.

ZZING

THERE!
MARK?!
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WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?

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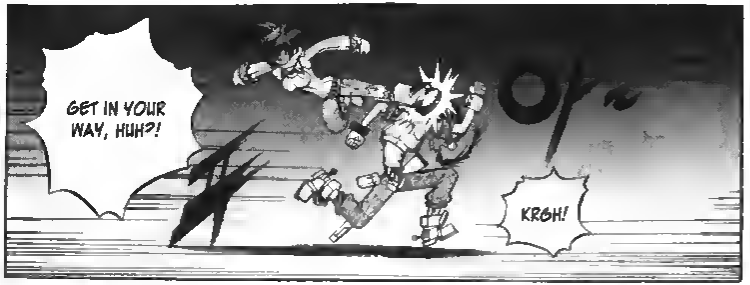
WAIT FOR ME!

NO!! JUST HEAD BACK! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!!

A CIVILIAN WOULD JUST GET IN THE WAY!!


GET IN YOUR WAY, HUH?!
KRGH!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, WOMAN?!
BUTT OUT, HI-TOPS!
WHAT A PAIN...

GUUH!

SLAM SLAM

MARK?!
MARK!!

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!
UUNH.
?!
OH MY GOD, MARK! HANG ON!!
AGH!
휘익
HOLD IT!!
빠드

BEING A HUNTED MAN DOESN'T CUT IT!
타
ON
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EICK

THAT'S NOT A GOOD ENOUGH EXCUSE FOR ABANDONING ME FOR TEN YEARS! DO YOU HEAR ME, FATHER?!

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DO YOU HEAR ME?!!

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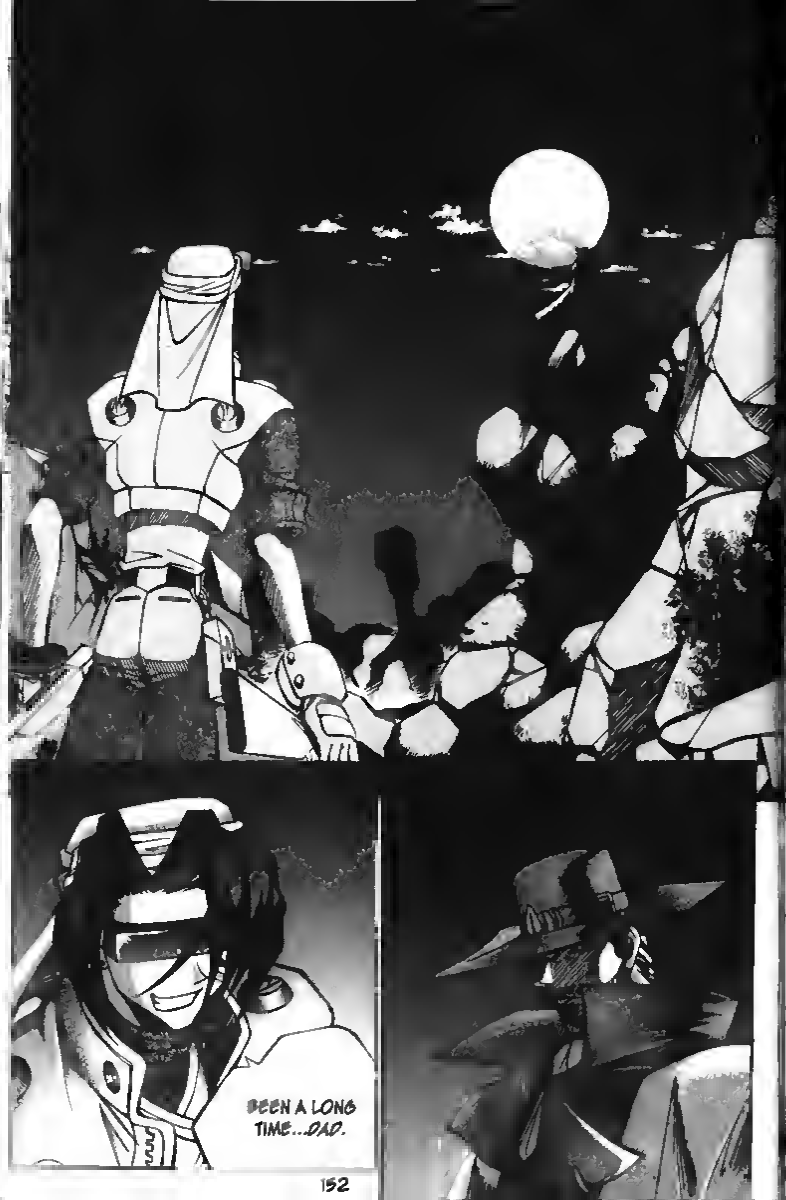
BEEN A LONG TIME...DAD.

BLAZIN BARRELS

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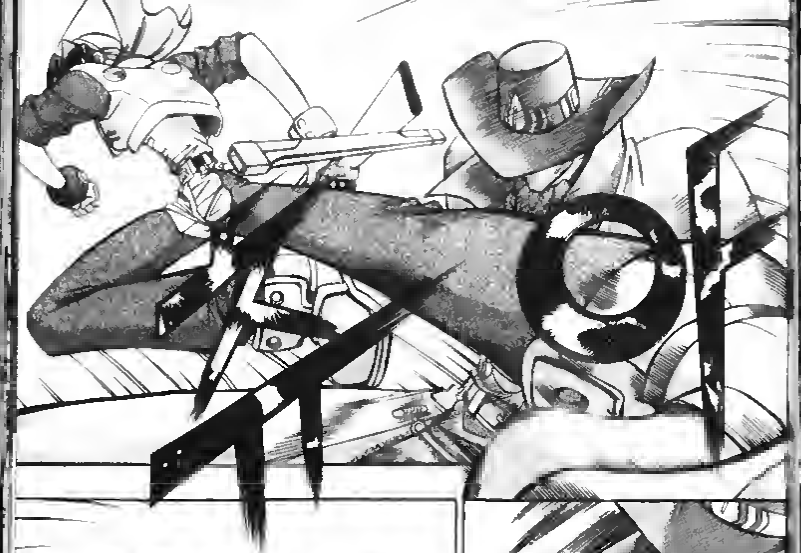
START TALKIN'!!
WELL?! I WANT SOME ANSWERS!!
YOU AIN'T LEAVIN' BEFORE I GET AN EXPLANATION!!


IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF?!

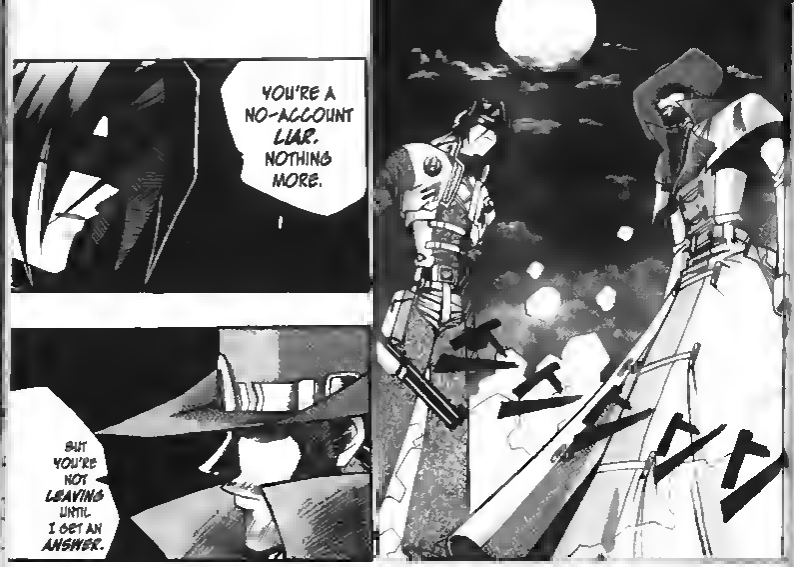
BECAUSE OF YOU--!

KAI DIED BECAUSE OF YOU!!

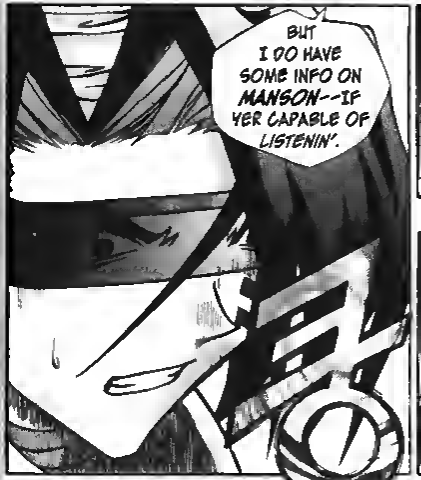
.....

SO YOU KNEW.

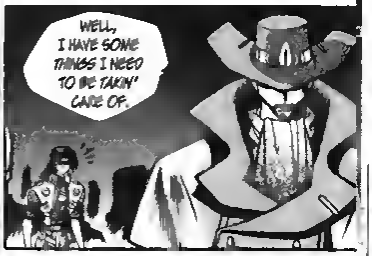
HOW COULD YOU HAVE LET IT HAPPEN?!
UNNT!
DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SO EASILY PROVOKED... THAT AIN'T HOW I RAISED YOU.
YOU DIDN'T RAISE ME AT ALL!
WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHERE ARE YOUR MOTHER AND SISTER?
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO ASK!

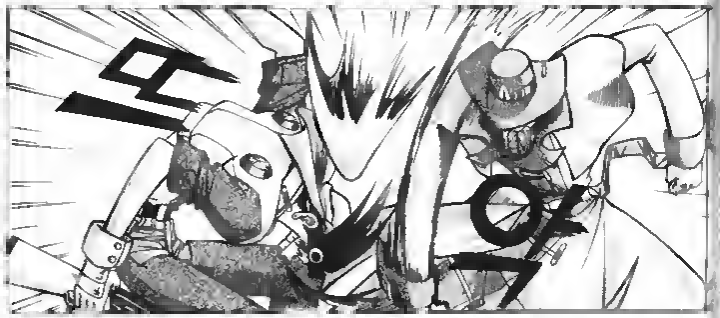

YOU'RE A NO-ACCOUNT LIAR. NOTHING MORE.
BUT YOU'RE NOT LEAVING UNTIL I GET AN ANSWER.

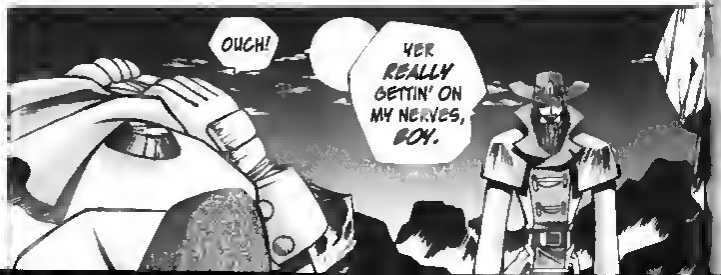
IF IT'S AN EXPLANATION YER AFTER, YOU AIN'T GETTIN' IT NOW.


BUT I DO HAVE SOME INFO ON MANSON--IF YER CAPABLE OF LISTENIN'.

I CAUGHT WIND THAT HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE NORTHEAST. MAYBE AROUND BRAND STONE.

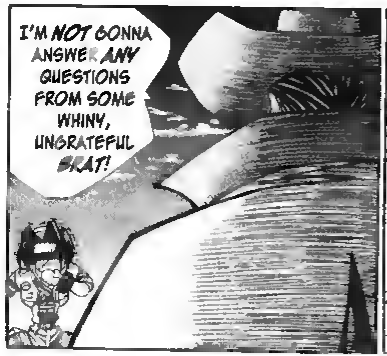

WELL, I HAVE SOME THINGS I NEED TO BE TAKIN' CARE OF.




OUCH!
YER REALLY GETTIN' ON MY NERVES, BOY.

WA-WAIT--!! I WANNA KNOW ABOUT--

KRAA!


I'M NOT GONNA ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM SOME WHINY, UNGRATEFUL BRAT!

YOU'RE JUST GONNA HAFTA WAIT.

OH--AND TELL MARK, "I COULDA BEEN AIMIN' TA KILL."
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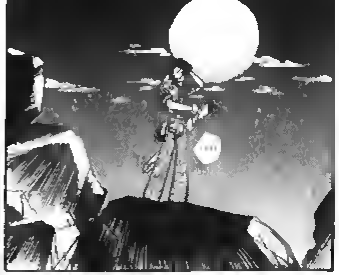
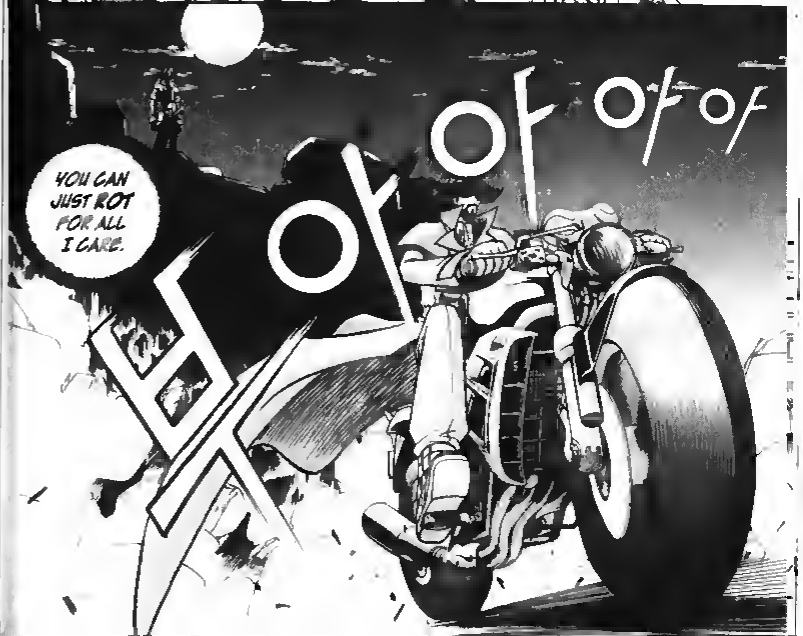
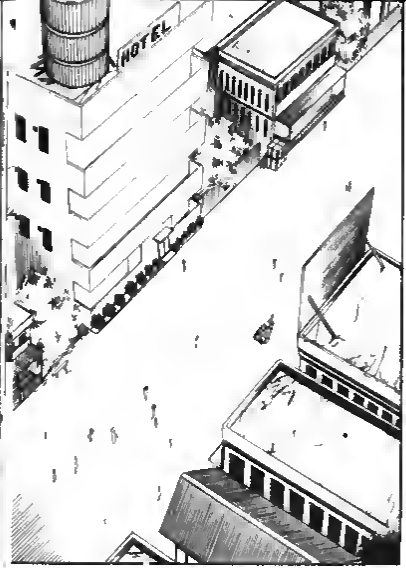


EVEN IF YOU DID COME BACK, I DOUBT THERE'D EVER BE A PLACE FOR YOU AGAIN.


YOU CAN JUST ROT FOR ALL I CARE.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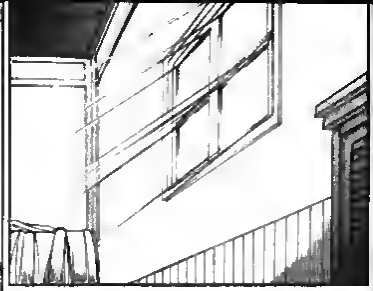

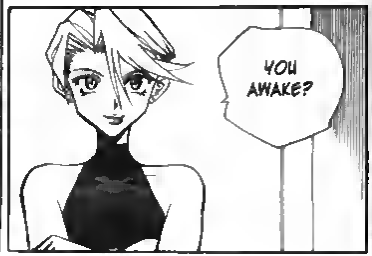
YOU AWAKE?

A-AMITA?

SHE HASN'T LEFT YOUR SIDE SINCE BRINGIN' YA IN.

M-MARK...?

YES, TAMMY. YOUR POOR EXCUSE FOR A BROTHER'S *RIGHT* HERE.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN EVER REPAY YOU. I KNOW SHE MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT

WHO ARE YOU *KIDDIN'*? TAMMY'S BEEN A *GREAT* HELP.

I SEE YOU'RE QUITE THE WOMAN NOW, ANITA.
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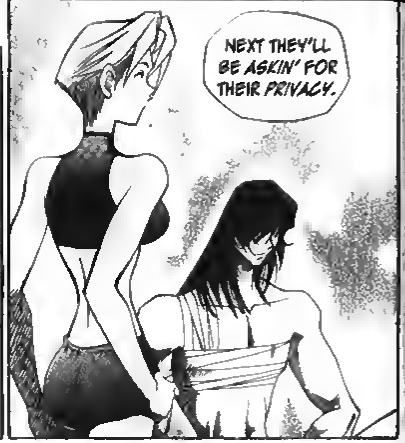
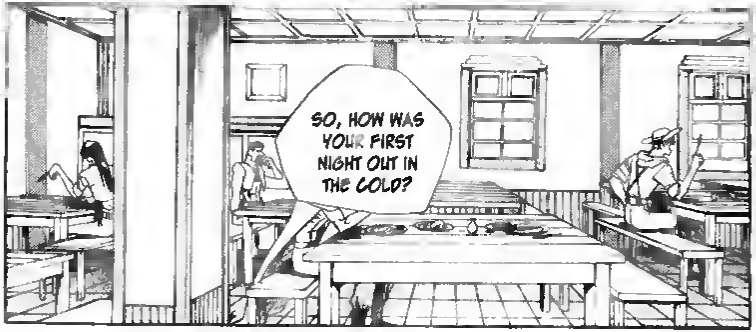
WHOA! UP TO COMPLIMENTS, NOW. YOU *ARE* FEELIN' BETTER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THOSE TWO?
AIN'T LIKIN' IT ONE BIT.


NEXT THEY'LL BE ASKIN' FOR THEIR PRIVACY.


SO, HOW WAS YOUR FIRST NIGHT OUT IN THE COLD?

ANY LUCK WITH THE ROMANY?

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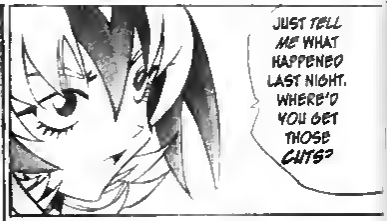
SPLAAAT

WHAT'S WITH THE DAZED AND CONFUSED ACT, HUH?!
WHAT A WASTE OF FOOD.


JUST TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT. WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE CUTS?

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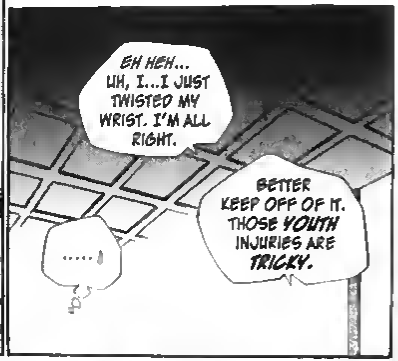
SO IT'S MANSON... HE'S THE BASTARD WHO KILLED MY BROTHER!

SWA HA HA! JUST BLAME IT ON ACCOUNTA YOU'RE FLEET-WOOD'S BLOOD!

MAYBE MARK WAS RIGHT. MAYBE DAD'S SUPPORTERS DID TRY TO PROTECT US... AFTER MANSON.
MAYBE I SHOULD HEAD TOWARD GRAND STONE...
NO. I HAVE SOMETHING MORE URGENT TO TAKE CARE OF.
I'M SURPRISED TAMMY NEVER MENTIONED MARK BEFORE.
YEAH, BUT I THINK AMITA ALREADY KNEW.
EH?
ISN'T THAT STING OVER THERE?
BLAZIN' BARRELS

NO USE LOOKING ALL HUFFY. I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL LATER.
?!
ROMY, SMILE.
WAIT... WON'T THEY RECOGNIZE US?
MISS ROMY, YOUR ARM... IT'S--
MY, WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.
MISS CREMBEL! MISS ROMY!
ARE WE INTERRUPTING YOUR BREAKFAST?
NOT AT ALL! PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
DID...DID HE...?
UM, SHE TRIPPED ON SOME STAIRS A FEW DAYS AGO.
EEEEK!!

OH NO! THAT'S AWFUL! A-ARE YOU OKAY NOW, MISS ROMY?


EH HEH... UH, I...I JUST TWISTED MY WRIST. I'M ALL RIGHT.
BETTER KEEP OFF OF IT. THOSE YOUTH INJURIES ARE TRICKY.
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TO SOME I'M KNOWN AS "IRRESISTIBLE LEANNE."
Ooh la la!
THAT'S "FAST SWORD" MCDUFF?

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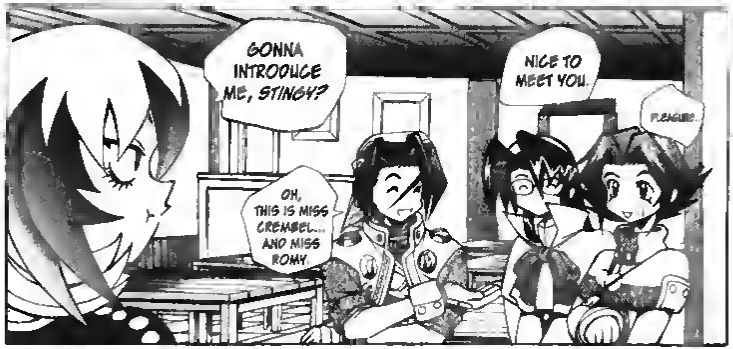
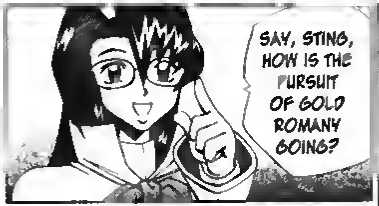
SHE'S A LOT DIFFERENT THAN I IMAGINED
.....
VERY TOTAL AIRHEAD


GONNA INTRODUCE ME, STINGY?
OH, THIS IS MISS CREMBEL... AND MISS ROMY.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
P.ENGUIN


SAY, STING, HOW IS THE PURSUIT OF GOLD ROMANY GOING?

WELL, MISS CREMBEL, THAT'S WHAT LED ME HERE.

OH, DEAR... YOU MEAN THE ROMANY ARE HERE?!
IT'S A POSSIBILITY.

THEY'RE HERE WITH MISS VALENTINE.
OH, THE RAILROAD EMPLOYEE?
?

LADIES, THIS HERE IS LEANNE MCDUFF.
HEE HEE! NICE TO MEET YA'LL! HOW IS MISS VALENTINE?

HAVE YOU AND MISS MCDUFF KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME?
NAH, WE KINDA JUST MET UP ON THE WAY HERE.
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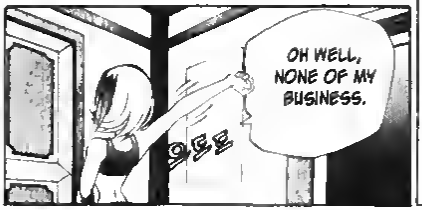
I HAVEN'T SEEN MR. BLACK AROUND LATELY. IS HE NOT HERE?
NOPE. WE GOT KINDA SPLIT UP, BUT I'M SURE HE'LL TURN UP EVENTUALLY.
WERE YOU IN A FIGHT? YOUR FACE LOOKS SCRATCHED.
YOU COULD SAY THAT...

I FEEL REALLY LEFT OUT FOR SOME REASON.

I'M GONNA HIT THE BATH FIRST, 'KAY?
GO AHEAD.


OH WELL, NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

LET'S KEEP IT SIMPLE! JUST STAY FOCUSED ON THE ROMANY!!

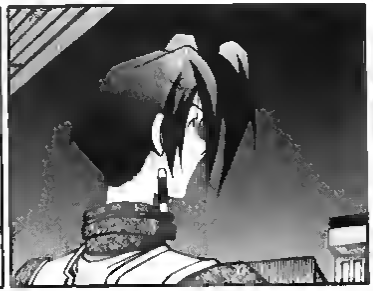
KNOCK KNOCK
Knock Knock
WHO COULD IT BE THIS LATE?
OH, MISS VALENTINE! WHAT A SURPRISE!

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

I WANNA HEAR ABOUT LAST NIGHT.
WHO WERE YOU CHASING AFTER--AND, FOR THAT MATTER, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY BROTHER?!

CAN WE SPEAK OUTSIDE? I HAVE SOME STUFF I NEED TO SAY.

I GUESS MARK DIDN'T TELL YOU WHAT WENT DOWN, HUH?
UH, YEAH. KINDA WHY I'M ASKIN'.



RELAX, I'M NOT GONNA BEAT YOU UP!

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I DON'T REALLY KNOW A LOT ABOUT WHY HE WAS HERE...

AND THE MAN WE WERE CHASING IS KINDA RELATED TO ME.
WHO WAS IT, YOUR FATHER OR SOMETHING?

...BUT MARK AND I WERE IN THE WAR TOGETHER.

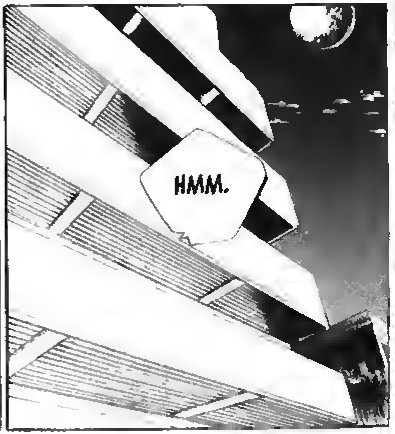
YEAH. HOW'D YOU GUESS?

HE WAS ONE OF MARK'S ARMY SUPERIORS.

WISH I COULD TELL YOU MORE, BUT THAT'S ALL I KNOW.

IF MARK HAPPENS TO TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE, FEEL FREE TO RELAY IT TO ME, 'KAY?

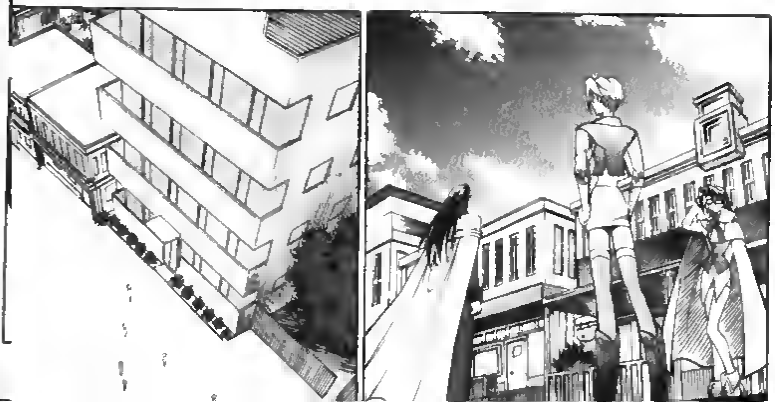
WHELP, CATCH YOU LATER.


HMM.

HUH... I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD THEN.

I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON.

FIGURES WE'D BOTH BE IN THE DARK
UGH.
TIME TO GO BUG CREMBEL, THESE STARS SURE AIN'T HELPING ANY.



ARE YOU SURE? YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY AND REST.

I'D LOVE TO, BUT MY SUPERIORS ARE WAITING ON MY REPORT.

I'LL SEE YOU SOON ENOUGH THOUGH, MY DEAR.
I'LL BE HERE.

MISS CREMBEL, MISS LOMY, PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF TAMMY.
OH, SURE THING.

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HEY, CHEER UP, LITTLE SISTER.
HMPH.

.....

STING, YOU STILL NOT COMING WITH ME?

NOPE! TAKE CARE!!

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OH NO, EVERYONE'S ALL DEPRESSED. I BETTER COOK UP SOME WORK--AND SOON!
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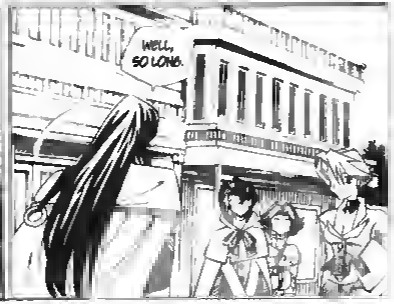
YOU HEARTLESS BASTARD.


WELL, SO LONG.

COME ON, ROMEO, WE'VE WORK TO DO.

HOTEL
OKAY! LET'S GO GET 'EM!!
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YEP. THAT WE DO... THOSE RASCALLY ROMANY.

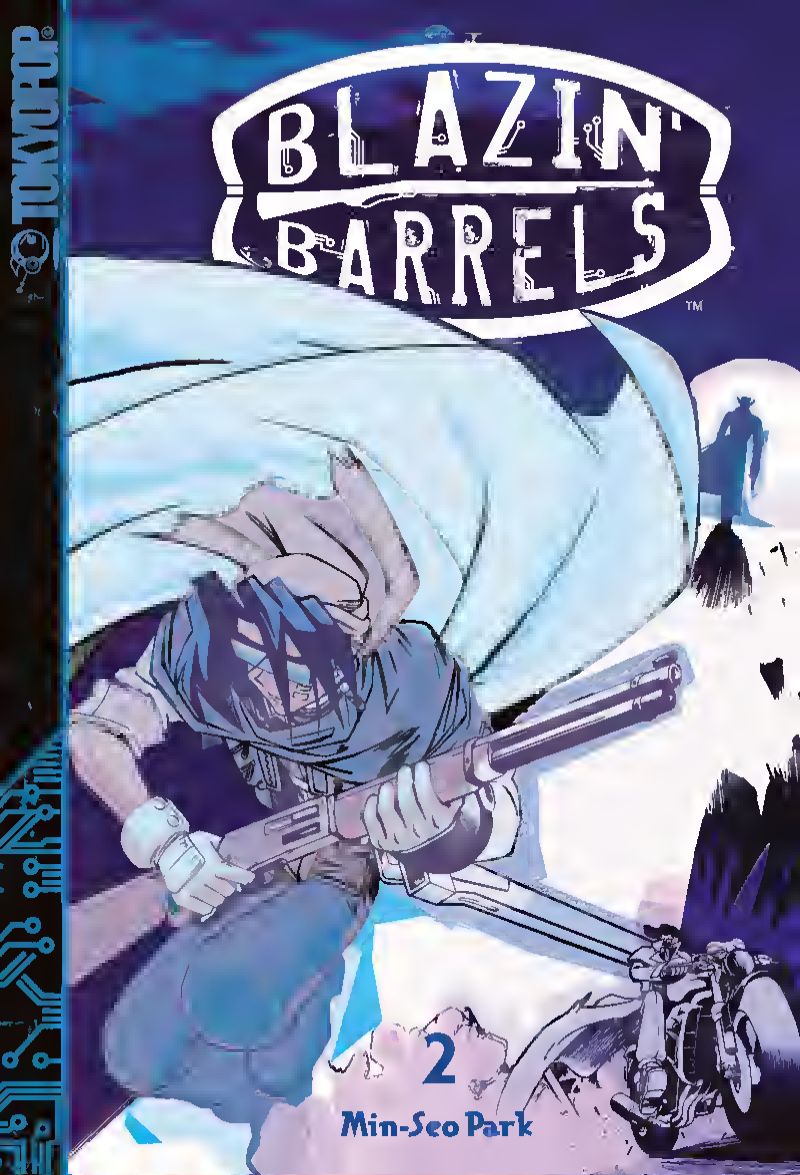
BLAZIN' BARRELS

NEXT VOLUME

BLACK

MIN-SEO PARK

Sting and Leanne want to be hired to protect the legendary "Gold Gun," because they believe it will attract Gold Romany and give the hunters a chance to capture the bandit babes. As it happens, though, lots of hunters want the job and, before Sting and Leanne can fight the Romany, they need to fight off a whole passel of money-hungry bounty hunters!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